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AN IDEA FOR HONGKONG

MALAYA'S appointment of an Industrial Commissioner to Hongkong is something for this Colony to think about. Mr. Kennedy's duties will be to encourage investment in Malaya and he is armed with all sorts of inducements, like five years' tax exemption, tariff protection and financial aid. So far Hongkong has done little to encourage overseas industrialists to come here. But it would be a worthwhile New Year resolution.

As Mr. Frank Kendall pointed out in his speech to Rotary yesterday, Hongkong has two assets — adequate investment finance and cheap but extremely adaptable labour. What we lack are the technical know-how of modern industrial countries and foreign marketing techniques. A combination of all four would give us industries which would rank among the most powerful in Asia.

Advertise

A NUMBER of overseas concerns have already found out for themselves the advantages of using Hongkong's assets, but couldn't we, like Malaya, advertise our attractions in Britain, America and the Continent? Because Hongkong cannot leave industrial development to chance, which is what we are doing today. Not only do we need to encourage established industries to branch out to Hongkong, but we need to specify which categories we want. For the great need today is to diversify industry, not to increase our dependence on any one class of manufacture.

It is not suggested that we follow Malaya's example of offering tax exemptions, because our already low taxation is an added incentive for overseas firms to move out here. But we could offer sites and all facilities. We could remind British and foreign manufacturers—as Mr. Kadoorie has recently reminded the Colony—that bulk power rates here are lower than overseas. And compared with the more advanced nations of the world Hongkong has an enviable record for industrial harmony.

Lacks Quality

WHAT Hongkong badly lacks is finesse in presenting its products; quality is also lacking in production. There are exceptions of course but our factories are notorious for the amount of slap-dash rubbish they turn out. It will be only a matter of time before they are eliminated, but what Hongkong needs is the big manufacturer with a well-established reputation to operate here. And only when we get a much bigger proportion of high-class products into our export trade will the Colony be able to feel safe against the intensifying competition around us.

Let us send a roving Industrial Commissioner to Britain, the Continent and America to tell industrialists of the way they can benefit themselves and Hongkong by establishing factories here. Let us make sure that all future trade missions tell the world about the opportunities for industry here.

JUNK CARRIED 106 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BIG POLICE SEIZURE

Large Fines By Bench

The Hongkong Marine Police seized a junk carrying 106 illegal immigrants from Macao in Colony waters on Monday morning it was revealed in court this morning.

This is one of the biggest seizures for many months. The illegal immigrants included 14 men, 48 women and 44 children. They were all concealed in various parts of the junk. The Marine Police launch intercepted the junk at 8.15 a.m. off the south-west coast of Lamma Island.

The trip cost the adults \$100 and the children \$50.

\$11,240 In Fares

The immigrants therefore paid a total of \$11,240 in fares for the trip. In the Central Magistracy this morning Mr. Derek Coss imposed a total of \$11,000 in fines. The 42-year-old coxswain, Cheung Lo was fined \$5,000 or six months' jail. Three crew members, Choi Keung, 35-year-old engineer, Chui Ping, 16, and Wong Yau, 48, sailors, were fined \$2,000 or six months for aiding and abetting Cheung.

Constable Shoots Suspect

A man suspected of trying to steal money from a woman passenger on a tram in the Western district early this morning was shot in the leg by a Police constable when he tried to run away after arrest.

A Police constable, in plain clothes, was on his way back to his station at 6.30 a.m. when he saw the man attempting to steal from the woman in a third class compartment. When the suspect refused to go to the station on request, he was handed over to a uniformed constable on duty at the Whitty Street tram terminus.

Broke Loose

As the first constable was interviewing witnesses among the tram passengers, the suspect broke loose and began to run away.

On refusing to stop after twice being called upon to do so, the uniformed constable fired two shots, the first of which missed but the second hit the man in the leg.

The suspect was taken into custody and subsequently admitted to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

Large Seizure Of Opium

About 500 lbs of opium was seized yesterday afternoon when a party of Police and Revenue officers raided the premises at No. 21, Eighth Street, Hill Village, Ho Man Tin. Two Chinese women have been arrested and charged.

Balance Budget

Washington, Jan. 13. President Eisenhower today told the Republican Congress leaders that his national budget of some \$77,000 million for the fiscal year beginning next July 1, would result in a final balance of about \$100 million to the country's credit.—France-Press.

'Small World' Crew Triumphant



The crew of the "Small World" were given a roaring welcome as they drove through Broad Street, Bridgetown, Barbados, on the morning following their arrival after crossing the Atlantic Ocean by air and sea in 24 days.

The balloon left Tenerife in the Canary Islands on December 12 with the aim of proving that the Atlantic winds would carry it across.

The balloon came down in the sea less than 1,000 miles from the Canaries after flying for only a few days. The crew then drifted to the Barbados in their plastic gondola.

Captain of the "Small World" was 51-year-old Arnold Elliott, and other crew members were Elliott's 21-year-old son Timothy and Colin Mudie, and Rosamary Mudie.

The picture on the left shows a crowd shouting its welcome as the "Small World's" crew is rowed ashore.—London Express Photos.

Prince Akihito Buys A Bride With Fish And Sake

Tokyo, Jan. 14.

Crown Prince Akihito bought a bride today for two fish and six jugs of wine.

Prince Charles Slept Here—But In Which Bed?

London, Jan. 13. Visitors wanting to sleep in the bed used by Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, in a Norfolk village inn, will have to use every bed in the building, the Daily Express reports today.

The reason is that the landlord of the inn refuses to disclose which of his six single beds the 10-year-old Prince of Wales used.

The Prince made a surprise visit to the 600-year-old inn during the weekend after his father's cool-shooting party were flooded out of a bungalow on a nearby island.—China Mail Special.

No Agreement Reached Yet

Cairo, Jan. 13. British and Egyptian delegates, working out final details of a post-Suez financial settlement, had a two-hour full-scale meeting this afternoon but at the end of it failed to announce a date for signature of an agreement, as they had been expected to do.—Reuters.

White Silk

The white silk also symbolised a "start from scratch" attitude in the Royal marriage.

The formal engagement today brought to a climax the first stage of a romance that began two summers ago on a dais court at the fashionable mountain resort of Karuizawa.

By his gifts today, according to tradition, he purchased his bride.

About an hour after Michiko accepted the fish, sake and silk, Prince Akihito, dressed in traditional court costume, left his palace to visit three imperial shrines and report his engagement to his ancestors.—U.P.I.

CHAPLINS IN ACCIDENT

London, Jan. 13. Charlie Chaplin and his wife, Oona, suffered slight contusions today when an automobile driving them to the Shepperton Film Studios skidded and was wrecked in a collision with a bus, near London.

The actor and his wife continued on their way in a car borrowed from a nearby garage. Chaplin, in London for three weeks, planned to return to Switzerland tomorrow.—France-Press.

Madrid, Jan. 13. The British Government today officially claimed the submarine Y-16 which was found drifting 70 miles off the coast on January 3 by two Spanish boats and towed into the port of Pasaia.—France-Press.

ENGLAND MAKES A STAND

Sydney, Jan. 14. After another disastrous start, England managed to make a stand in the fifth day of the Third Test match here, hitting 100 after lunch for the loss of three wickets.

In the morning, Arthur Millon was caught by Davidson off Benoud, and a little later Trevor Bailey was caught by Simpson off Benoud. The opening wickets fell at 39.

After lunch, May and Gravemy made a stand bringing the score up from 39 to 64 before Gravemy was leg before by Davidson with the score at 64 for three.

Cowdrey then joined May and they brought the score up to 100 in the first hour after lunch.—Reuters.

STOP PRESS

Tea Score

Sydney, Jan. 14. At tea England were 131 for three — only seven runs behind Australia with seven wickets standing.—Reuters.

HK Wants To Stay British Says H.E.

Singapore, Jan. 13. The people of Hongkong want it to stay a British colony, the Governor, Sir Robert Black said here today.

Sir Robert is in Singapore for the annual conference of British Far Eastern diplomats, colonial governors and service chiefs which starts tomorrow. Reporters asked him

to comment on a recent statement by his predecessor, Sir Alexander Grantham, who said the Chinese in Hongkong wanted it to stay a colony.

Sir Robert said: "Sir Alexander was quite right. In the year I have been in Hongkong I have heard no strong call for a change in the Colony's present status."—Reuters.

FOOT DECLARES: NO BARGAIN WITH VIOLENCE

Nicosia, Jan. 13.

Governor Sir Hugh Foot told the people of Cyprus in an island-wide broadcast tonight "there will be no bargain with violence."

But he said he believed chances of settling the Cyprus question were now greater than ever before.

Governor Foot noted that the Labour Party and others were demanding the cessation of all security measures and military operations against the Eoka underground movement, because the movement had declared a truce.

"Those who follow this line of talk are servants of violence, though not all of them may realise it," Sir Hugh added.

Foot said the British would never give "a blank cheque for

intimidation" and added "there will be no bargain with violence."

He made it clear that only abandonment of violence would finish the present emergency on the island.

But he said he thought the chances of settlement of the Cyprus question were now greater than ever before.

Sir Hugh said he thought the eventual solution would be that each community would run its own affairs but would come together to play their part in governing the island as a whole.—U.P.I.

OUT!—Cap Hit Wicket

Wellington, Jan. 13. Young New Zealand cricketers are wondering whether they should discard their caps when batting, as a result of an incident to one of their colleagues in a county match here.

In one of the most unusual dismissals on record, the young batsman was out hit wicket.

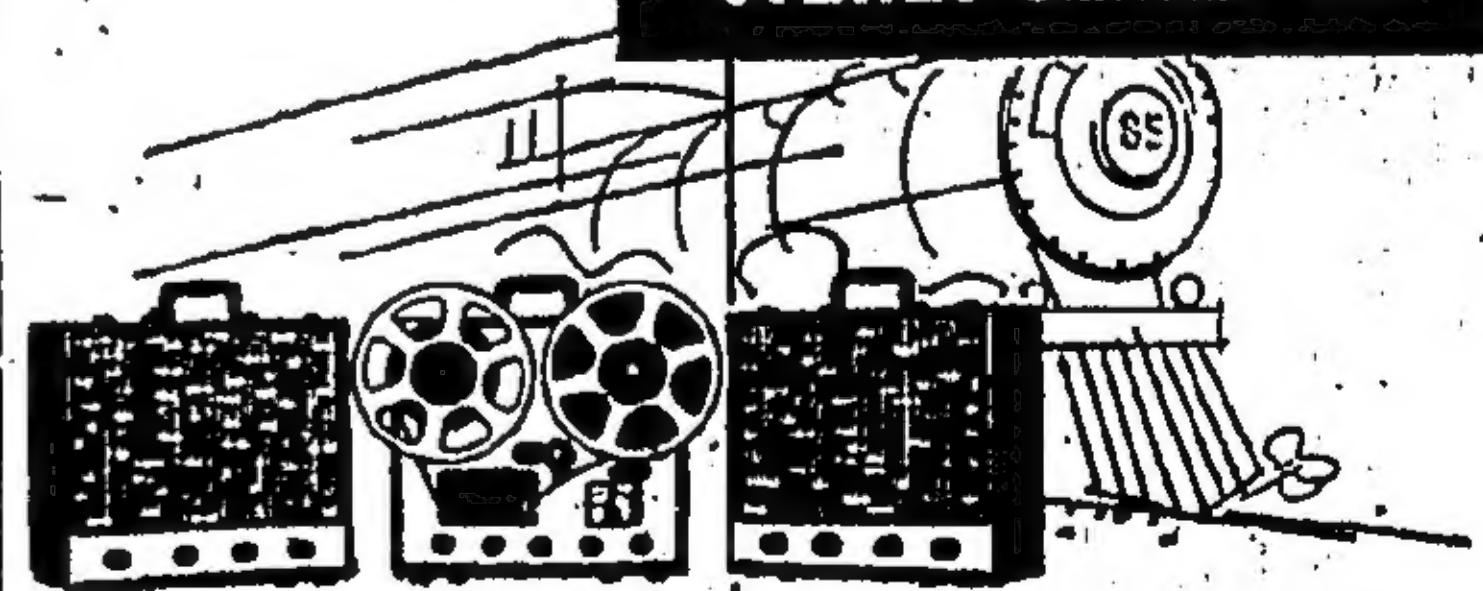
He stepped out to meet the ball. It hit him on the body, travelled up his chest and clipped him smartly under the chin.

His head shot back with the shock and his cap fell off and dislodged the balls. The cap was left hanging on one of the stumps.—China Mail Special.

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MYSTERY OBJECTS FOUND ON SEA BED

New York, Jan. 13.

A number of large radioactive steel devices of "unmistakable Russian make" have been found imbedded in the ocean floor off both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the North American continent.

Newspaper columnist Robert S. Allen wrote in the New York Post that some of the devices — discovered by the American and Canadian navies — were within the three-mile limit of both countries.

Naval authorities thought they were position markers to be used by Soviet submarines in a case of nuclear missile attacks against coastal cities, he said.

PLANTED

The columnist said it was believed the devices had been planted by Soviet freighters and submarines which had been observed in coastal waters during recent years.

He said a decision to place the matter before the United Nations was under consideration. Washington officials did not wish to publicise the discoveries at present because this would be "inadvisable during the visit of the Soviet Deputy Premier, Mr. Anastas Mikoyan." — Reuter.

A King Clashes With The Wine Shops

Oslo, Jan. 13.

A TRICKY point of protocol has been solved, a very quietly, in Norway, where King Olav succeeded his father, King Haakon, in 1957.

When he came to the throne, there was considerable discussion among historians as to whether he should be known as Olav IV or Olav V. Eventually the experts agreed that he should be known as King Olav V.

The new king then decided that his royal monogram should be an "O" with a "V" superimposed. This monogram will be used on coats of arms, documents, pillar-boxes, and un-

forms, in the same way that "E II R" is used in Britain.

Unfortunately an identical monogram has been used for many years as the trade mark of the State wine and liquor monopoly in Oslo. The sign is used on all shops selling gin, whisky, brandy or table wines.

This unfortunate similarity was pointed out discreetly to the king. But he insisted on retaining the monogram.

The difficulty has now been resolved. All Oslo's wine and liquor shops are changing their old, well-known trade mark. They now bear a new sign — that cannot possibly be confused with the royal monogram. — London Express Service.

Japanese Crew For HK-Owned Freighter

Tokyo, Jan. 13.

The All-Japan Seamen's Union said today 39 Japanese seamen would man a new 8,500-ton freighter of Liborian registration for two years.

A spokesman said a contract to the effect had been signed between the Union and the Far Eastern Transport Company of Hongkong, owner of the freighter, which would be completed at the end of this month.

The 39 crew of the Miyagi Steamship Company will be paid in U.S. dollars. The captain will receive a monthly salary of about 150,000 yen (£180) and the lowest paid member of the crew will receive 32,400 yen (£32 8s), according to a spokesman. The spokesman said negotiations were also proceeding for a contract for the hiring of 33 Japanese to man a 47,000-ton oil tanker now being built at the Tsunumi Dockyard of the Japan Steel and Tube Company for an American carrier company.

The contract is expected to be signed later this month. — Reuter.

Can Continue To Live In Portugal

Lisbon, Jan. 13.

General Humberto Delgado, defeated presidential candidate, could continue to live in Portugal unmolested if he respects the laws, the Information Secretary Moreira Baptista said today. Baptista called a special news conference to discuss Delgado, who was withdrawn from active service earlier this month and sought refuge on Monday in the Brazilian Embassy here. — France-Press.

Cabinet Minister Leaves Hospital



Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, who has been in the Middlesex Hospital for a tonsil operation, says goodbye and thanks to student nurse Miss A. V. Desch of Newbury, Berkshire, before returning to his London residence. — Central Press Photo.

Air Crash Pilot Criticised

San Francisco, Jan. 13.

The pilot of a British Commonwealth Pacific Airliner was accused today of violating safety regulations when the plane crashed near here in 1953, killing 19 people including the concert pianist William Kapell.

This accusation was made in U.S. District Court by Melvin Bell, attorney for the families of two victims of the crash who are seeking a total of \$500,000 in damages from the airline.

Mr. Bell called ten witnesses to tell how and when they saw the plane pass overhead just before the crash.

The purpose of this evidence was to establish that the plane was eight miles off course and that its pilot disobeyed instructions that he keep the plane at least 500 feet above cloud level over the coast.

The airliner ploughed into King Mountain, 2,301 feet high and about 25 miles south of here. — U.P.I.

ABBEY ALARM

London, Jan. 13.

A burglar alarm, set off in error, sent police cars from all surrounding stations racing early today to Westminster Abbey.

A cordon was thrown round the church, all lights switched on and a thorough search made before police were satisfied.

Most likely attention for raiders is the Stone of Scone, ancient coronation throne of Scottish kings now kept at the Abbey for all coronations but still claimed for Scotland by extreme nationalists. — China Mail Special.

HAINAN ISLAND TO BE CHINA'S "SHOW PIECE"?

Tokyo, Jan. 13.

China appears to be building up its southern island of Hainan as a "show piece" to rival American-aided development of Formosa.

The island, situated off the Luchow peninsula, is ideal for showing Asia and the rest of the world the merits of the Communist system.

Hainan and Formosa are almost identical in size (Hainan, 13,500 square miles; Formosa, 13,500).

The people of both islands include Chinese families who have been on them for ages and those who are recent arrivals. Aborigine tribes are found on both though in total population Formosa's roughly 10 million people greatly outnumber Hainan's estimated 2.8 million. America has been pouring millions of dollars in economic aid into Formosa on top of millions for military purposes to make Formosa the "show place of democracy" in Asia. Meanwhile, the Communists

have been building up Hainan with both men and material. The Communist efforts in Hainan at present are centred on a huge dam, one of the nation's biggest and a huge water reservoir power station complex and irrigation canals.

While it will irrigate thousands of acres of land a canal network will relieve other thousands of acres of excess water.

The Communists are not sparing the whip to complete the project. Originally work on the dam was to be completed in 1951. Now the schedule calls for completing the dam by May this year with irrigation and power generation to begin next winter.

The speedup, the Communists report, is to give impetus to industrial development and rural electrification.

In addition to the obvious propaganda value of rapid development of Hainan, any development there will pay off huge dividends.

The island is rich in minerals — gold, silver, lead, iron and tin. It exports rice, rubber, cotton, coconuts, oil palm, sisal hemp, century plants, coffee, cocoa, cloves, citronella and cinchona also come from there.

But even without any propaganda or economic value, the island is still most important.

In any large-scale fighting in Southeast Asia it could be as strategically important, if not more so, than Formosa.

The Japanese recognised Hainan's military importance during World War II and had a large air field there accommodating Navy and Army facilities. — U.P.I.

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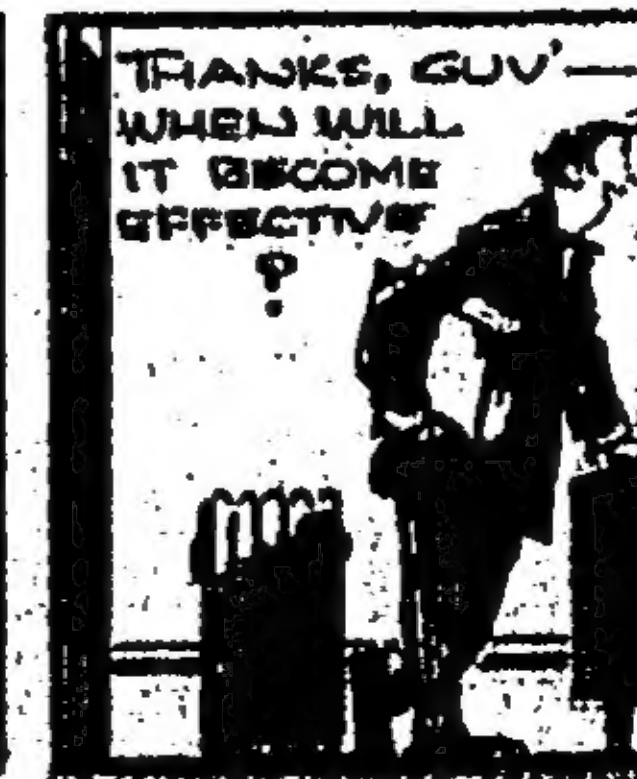
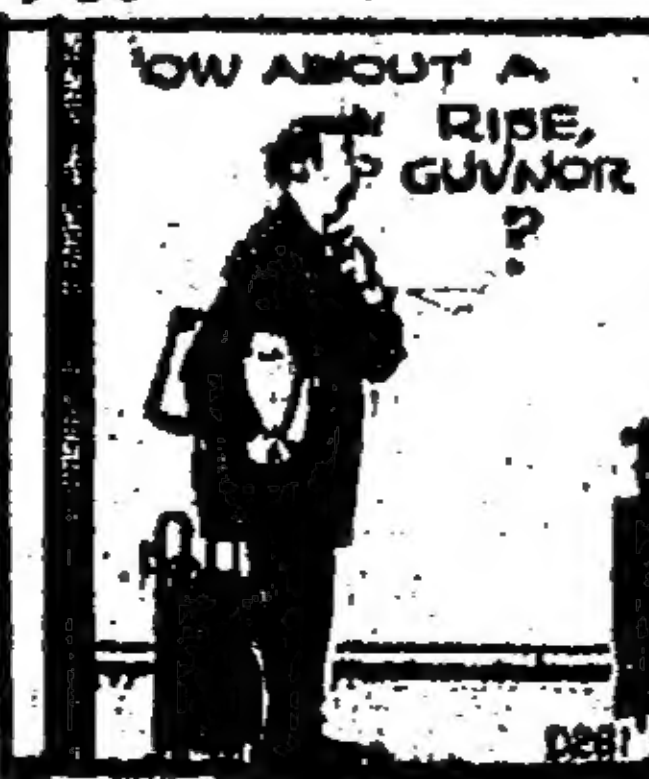
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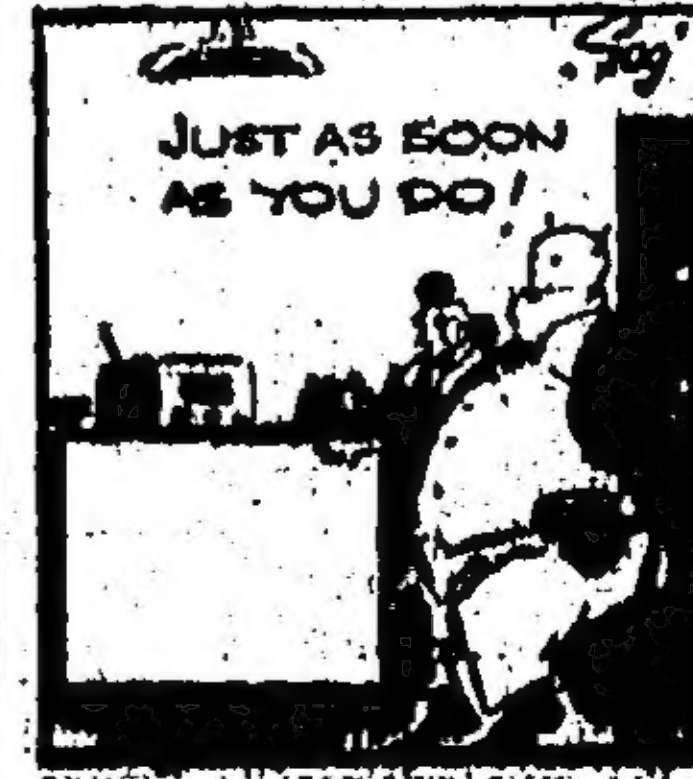


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● Sad? Unhappy? Princess Soraya, who has been both for a long time now, pi's on a beibboned hat, lots fly with paper streamers, makes music with a toy trumpet... and ENJOYS herself.

Soraya's sadness and unhappiness began last April when her husband, the Shah of Persia, divorced her because she was childless. The sadness ended, temporarily at least, at the St Moritz party where these pictures were taken.

Soraya's companion was Austria's Duke von Thurn und Taxis.

A UPI cable from Milan today says Soraya's mother has said: "My daughter can not marry before the Shah has contracted a new matrimony."

Eva Esfandiari, mother of Soraya, was quoted in an exclusive interview with the Italian weekly "Europeo."

"During the Shah's recent visit to Geneva he had a talk with my husband in the course of which he said that under no conditions could Soraya marry before he did," she said.

Mrs Esfandiari said that this was the reason that Soraya at present has no matrimonial plans.

No. 2 Russian In New York

MORE BANNER-WAVING PICKETS GREET MIKOYAN

New York, Jan. 13.

The Soviet Deputy Premier, Anastas I. Mikoyan, arrived from Los Angeles tonight at Idlewild Airport, where he was met by a handful of Iron Curtain refugees shouting "Red murderers."

More than 200 policemen were stationed at the airport to head off any violence by demonstrators. Only about 20 to 30 pickets showed up.

Police kept them in a parking lot area, about four blocks from where Mr Mikoyan's plane landed.

Mr Mikoyan and his party were whisked to waiting limousines without the demonstrators being able to catch a glimpse of him.

The pickets carried placards that read: "Don't try to cut our throats, Mikoyan." "Berlin is just one step of Red expansion to the West." "Today, Berlin, tomorrow Washington."

The pickets at the airport included Dr Bela Fabian, chairman of the Federation of Former Hungarian Prisoners.

He waved a placard that read: "Six returned, where are the eleven other American airmen?" That was a reference to the crash of an American Air Force plane behind the Iron Curtain last year.

Prison Dress

Some of the pickets wore striped black and white prison garb over their regular clothes.

The uniforms were replicas of that worn by prisoners of the Soviet Union.

Dr Fabian and the other pickets protested against the police insistence that they remain well away from the Mikoyan party.

"When Churchill was here, the Communist pickets were permitted to come very close to him. I want to get the same treatment that the Communists got when they picketed Mr Churchill,"—U.P.I.

Indian Chief Apologises For Modern Savages

Durand, Mich., Jan. 13. An Indian chief has sent the Soviet First Deputy Premier, Mr Mikoyan, an apology for demonstrations against him by "modern savages" during his visit to Detroit last Thursday.

Chief White Bird, of the Chippewa Tribe in Michigan, wrote to the Soviet leader: "When the white men first came to America we Indians treated them as guests should be treated."

"We continued to treat them as guests as long as they conducted themselves as guests. We were often referred to as uncivilized savages."

"You being a visitor to this one-time Indian territory of Michigan, I must apologise for the way some of the modern savages behaved while you were here."

"So far you have conducted yourself very well during your stay here..."—Reuter.

Mercy Killing

London, Jan. 13. The London Appeals Court today reduced from three years' imprisonment to one year the sentence of a father found guilty of the "mercy killing" of his 12-year-old daughter.

The father, William, Moodie, administered poison to the child, who was a congenital idiot, and she died in her sleep last October.

His defence was that there was no hope of improving her condition and he wished to spare the child's mother her long ordeal.—France-Press.

Pimple Suicide

London, Jan. 13. An Irish hotel maid in London, Miss Collette Margaret Cunningham, aged 20, passed herself because she had pimples on her face. A London inquest was told today.—China Mail Special.

China Takes New Step In "Big Leap Forward"

Tokyo, Jan. 13.

Red China's financial and trade organisations have been ordered to step up their efforts to get more consumer goods to the mainland's 65 million persons.

The New China News Agency reported today that Communist Party workers at a recent national conference were told "to start with revolutionary enthusiasm" for a greater turn for more rural commodities and more commodity production to meet people's needs.

They were called on to encourage light industry and to promote a more diversified economy in the people's communes.

Expanded light industry would ensure the production of more consumer goods, the party workers were told, while more varied rural economies would guarantee "greater supplies of vegetables, meat and other foodstuffs."

A four-point programme for 1959 was laid out for the financial and trade organisations, and three of the points emphasised consumer goods. These are the principal points:

● Help agriculture and industry take a "big leap forward." Encourage light industry for the production of consumer goods, and diversified economy in the people's communes to ensure greater supplies of

vegetables, meat and other foodstuffs.

● Plan purchase and distribution carefully to meet consumer demands.

The programme is the latest in a series of recent effort by the Peking regime to get sorely needed consumer goods into circulation and to provide the Chinese with greater incentives.—U.P.I.

Zsa Zsa Engaged

New York, Jan. 13.

Hollywood screen actress Zsa Zsa Gabor announced that she was engaged to be married for the fourth time. The future husband is Hal Hayes, a rich contractor from California.

Miss Gabor who is of Hungarian origin, showed newspapermen here a 42-carat diamond engagement ring given her by Hayes.—France-Press.

No Release For Pilot

Frankfurt, Jan. 13.

The United States has turned down an East German offer to release an American pilot the Communists have held in custody since December 3.

John M. Allison, American Ambassador in Prague, said tonight that the East Germans had offered to turn over Lieut. Mackin, 27, of Washington, D.C. but he said the offer was declined.

This is because the U.S. does not recognise the East German regime and wants to deal with the Soviets.

The East Germans earlier accused the Americans of blocking the release.—U.P.I.

Ex-Prisoner Mayor's Aide

Singapore, Jan. 14.

The Singapore Public Service Commission has named a former political prisoner as secretary to the Mayor, Mr Ong Eng Guan.

Mr Jek Yuen Thong, 28, former chief reporter of the defunct Chinese newspaper Sin Pao, was detained under the Preservation of Public Security Ordinance for eight months.

He was released last April.

Mr Jek has been a temporary clerk in the Mayor's office since last June.—Reuter.

Malaya Disease

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 13.

Polymyositis, diphtheria and influenza have been running high in Malaya, according to government health figures issued today.—Reuter.

Lost Radium Found In Rubbish Dump

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jan. 13.

A radium needle which had been missing from the Victoria General Hospital here for about 24 hours was found late today in the city rubbish dump by a search team of doctors, civil defence workers and naval servicemen.

The tiny silvery tube is about the size of a darning needle.

It was first missed from one of the hospital operating rooms yesterday afternoon.

After the hospital had been checked with geiger counters the hunt shifted to the dump on the theory that the needle had been swept out by a hospital cleaner.

The radiation emitted from the needle was sufficient to cause damage if in contact with a person for any length of time.—U.P.I.

Explorers Meet

Oslo, Jan. 13.

Sir Vivian Fuchs, the British scientist and Antarctic explorer today met 86-year-old Olav Bjaland, the only surviving member of the Roald Amundsen expedition which reached the South Pole in 1911.

Bjaland also attended a lecture given by Sir Vivian at Oslo University on the British Commonwealth trans-Antarctic crossing.—Reuter.

New Pain Killer

Washington, Jan. 13.

The development of a pain-killing drug, expected to have a power at least ten times that of morphine, but with less addiction-forming tendencies, was announced today by Mr Arthur Fleming, the Secretary of Health and Welfare.

Mr Fleming said the new drug was still in an experimental and testing stage, though it had already been used on more than 200 people.

The secretary told a Press conference that the new drug, known as NIH7519, was developed by two scientists of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases.

It is made from derivatives of coal tar, and is one of a new series of drugs called benzomorphines.—Reuter.

Alleged Multi-Million \$ Thief Held

McAllen, Texas, Jan. 13.

Rolando Masferrer-Rojas, former Cuban Senator accused by Fidel Castro's rebels of fleeing the country with US\$17 million, was locked up in the McAllen Immigration Detention centre today.

Masferrer, his two brothers and three other men were flown in from Miami in the custody of Immigration officers.

They asked for political asylum in the United States. The Rebel Government of Fidel Castro charged that Masferrer was fallen Dictator Fulgencio Batista's representative in Oriente Province, where much of the bitter fighting of the revolution took place.

The rebels accused Masferrer of responsibility for many deaths in the province and said he had his own army.

They also accused him of leaving Cuba with \$17 million belonging to the Cuban people. The border patrol chief, J. Eldon Taylor, said the Masferrer and the three other men would be held in the detention centre until they could be

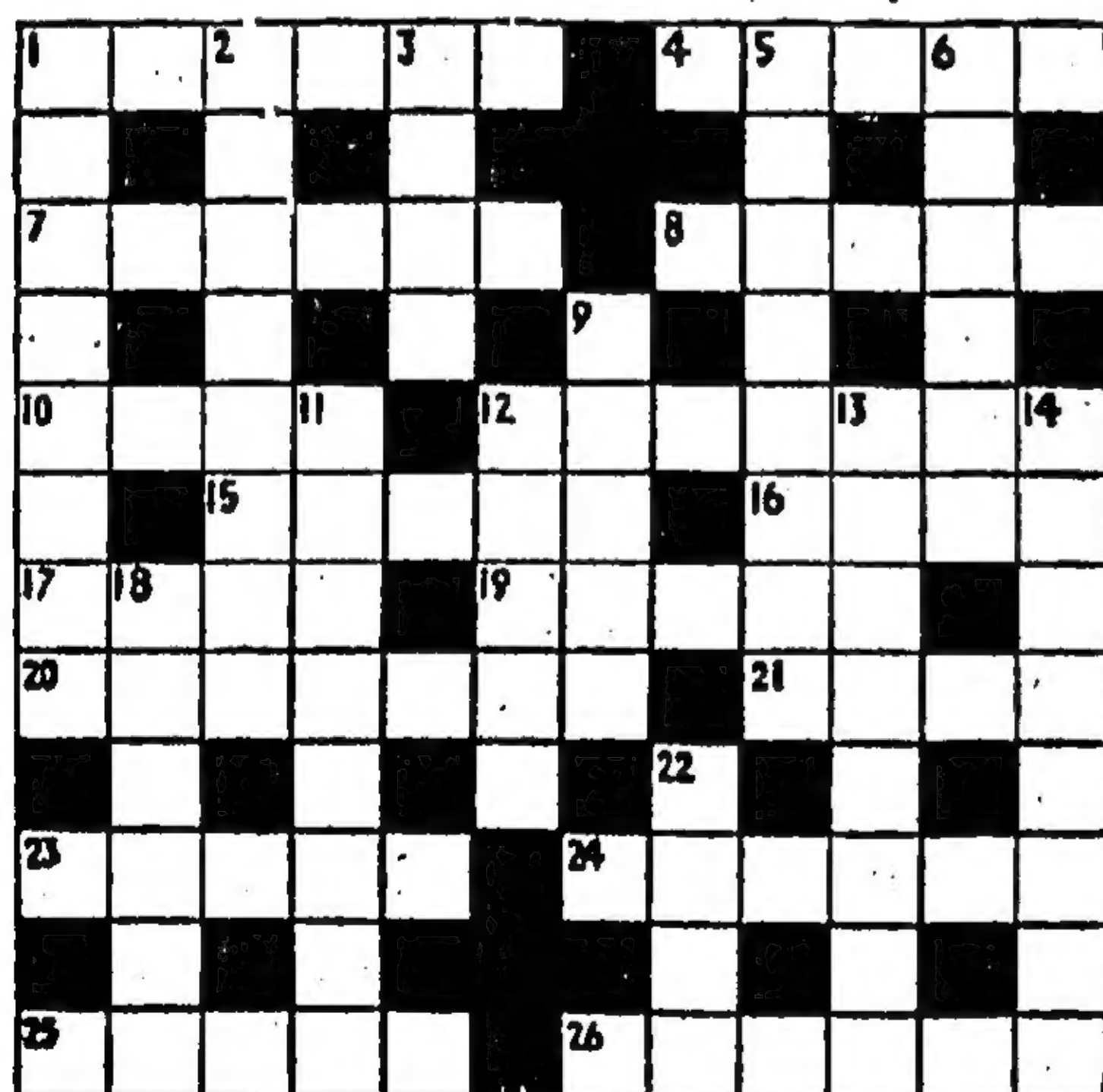
brought before a Board of Inquiry in Miami or McAllen.

The board will decide whether they would be allowed into the United States.

Fifteen people aboard the yacht were granted parole to enter the United States. The Masferrer and two of their servants were held on the yacht until they were flown to McAllen.

Immigration officials reported last week that they searched the yacht but found only insignificant amounts of money.—U.P.I.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Slight accidents (6).
- 4 Pale (5).
- 7 Pippins, perhaps (6).
- 8 Its keeper needs to keep his eyes open (5).
- 10 Spots (4).
- 12 Once offered, 'twas said, for a horse (7).
- 15 Down duck (5).
- 16 Country road (4).
- 17 Tea-makers (4).
- 19 Replant (3).
- 20 Addict (7).
- 21 Despatched in tens (4).
- 23 Measure (5).
- 24 Mountain range (6).
- 25 Supports (3).
- 26 Expunge (6).

DOWN

- 1 No conspicuous (5, 3).
- 2 Not effective (8).
- 3 Allen's right (4).
- 5 Ailment (8).
- 6 Inventor (6).
- 9 Takes on (5).
- 11 Reluctively affectionate? (8).
- 12 Irish county which has the blues? (5).
- 13 Fruit producing palm (8).
- 14 Food store (4, 4).
- 15 Strong and healthy (6).
- 22 River (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3 Flat race, 8 Crusoe, 9 Parental, 11 Uncapped, 12 Arms, 13 Oscar, 16 Hoped, 19 Room, 22 Octobers, 24 Breather, 25 A-spire, 26 Sinecure. Down: 1 Scout, 2 Hutch, 3 Foppish, 4 Leap, 5 Tied, 6 Astera, 7 Enlist, 10 Recap, 14 Couch, 15 Remorse, 16 Probes, 17 Cave-R.N., 20 Rain, 21 Essex, 22 Ode, 23 Tair.

THE WORSHIPPERS OF ST. FANTAN...

Bucking the Tiger

AS I have suggested from time to time, Hongkong was in some respects a very naughty town, and also from time to time, many of its former Governors were extremely depressed by the activities of various citizens.

The reasons I have given. While the Island has always had its quota of fine upstanding citizens of British, Chinese, and third nationals, it has always had more than its quota of mischievous subjects who thumbed their noses at all who wished to guide their feet onto the paths of righteousness.

It is necessary to repeat that many Chinese who came here, did so to avoid meeting certain gentlemen known as Mandarins who had arranged appointments with the local headmen in the localities where the aforesaid unruly citizens lived.

So, in a way Hongkong was a sort of sanctuary for many who were pirates by trade. They in turn were joined by many Europeans who, while not pirates, had such inclinations that they might have been, were it not for the fact that the British Navy had almost put the pirates out of business.

This is all to say that there was room for a very great deal of improvement.

Having, I hope made that clear, I now want to draw your attention to two villages. If you have a map, you will easily find Shamshuipo, which is now afforded a measure of respectability, for the Army have a camp and a Command Workshop there.

But in the days I wish to discuss, it was a very wicked place.

Now find Kowloon City. This was another wicked place, and it cost the respectable citizens of Hongkong much heartache as I shall now relate.

The English and the Chinese have a great deal in common, at anyone who has lived here for any length of time will tell you. This is, as persons who get out and about. But of all things they have in common, none is so common as the love of having a flutter.

Many of the institutions established in Hongkong have earned Chinese admiration. The fine hotels, the Botanical Gardens, the University of Hongkong, but the admiration for these is exceeded by the draining of Happy Valley and the making of the Race Course.

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There, all nationalities melt in the crucible of betting the horses. In fact, I think if all the world were a race track, and all men and women merely backers, we could solve all international difficulties.

But to return to yesterday. We all remember from our Sunday school days of Sodom and Gomorrah, and how in the end, these two cities caught it properly. Well, if any two cities were asking for it during the last half of the nineteenth century, they were Shamshuipo and Kowloon City.

In 1855, Sir John Bowring was the Governor who tried to do something about a tendency towards gambling. On the face of it, it was a good idea. He decided to evangelise the in-

By

JOHN LUFF

Chinese territory. They were merely small Chinese villages, but had a vicious reputation. In fact, their only revenue was vice and gambling, and they were under the control of a Mandarin who made a very fine thing out of it.

Do not imagine all you but to do to get there was jump on a bus at the Star Ferry, and go there. There was no Nathan Road. There was a kind of track which followed the sea-line round, and it ran through the village of Yau-mat.

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But this did not deter the boys. There was no racial distinction, and the Chinese welcomed the European lads from Hongkong who visited them.

Of course during the day, the Indians, who used to work themselves in those days, kept the lads' noses to the desk too late to go so far as Shamshuipo, but on Sunday afternoons, a special steam launch used to run to accommodate them.

This used to run through the week also for those who could get off, but Sunday seems to have been the big day.

Things got so bad that Mr. Fraser Smith of the Hongkong Telegraph ran this sizzling lead: article on March 10, 1890.

"For some years past we have, from time to time, directed the attention of the Hongkong Government to the pernicious gambling which is permitted to go unchecked in the Chinese villages of Sam-shui-po and Kowloon, which are situated on the borders of British Territory. It is almost needless to say that

the reason for this is to see the servants, who are making good their masters by dipping into the till, and local magistrates were working night shifts dealing with them.

This scheme of controlling gambling by legislation was well-considered by most of the community, and the police were most enthusiastic, for it saved their fore feet from walking round looking for such citizens who were borrowing from the various tills.

But a few gentlemen of the clerical profession who felt it in their duty to protest," started agitating. The Reverend F. S. Turner of the London Mission with the Reverend D. B. Morris, minister of the Union Church, and four missionaries, raised rather violent protest.

The ends of those days could express themselves very well in print, and there was quite a bit of mud-slinging as well as ink-slinging.

One Hongkong wit coined a term that had the Colony laughing; he dubbed them the "Moralists".

But the six were one too many for the lads, and the scheme for licensed gambling houses was dropped in 1871.

You might say, this is all very well, but you told us to look for Shamshuipo and Kowloon City. Well, all this brings me to that. In those days, Shamshuipo and Kowloon City were in

the fear of raising an international question with its attendant difficulties has hitherto prevented the Executive Council of this Colony from taking any active steps to put a stop to this very fruitful source of serious crime in our midst.

Those who have read the former articles will now know why Fraser Smith wrote this sizzling attack which follows.

"With a very few exceptions, Hongkong Government Officials are quite content to draw their liberal salaries and allowances for supervising in a more or less perfunctory manner the routine work of their various offices, without troubling themselves as to the real interest of the public, from whom they receive their generally easily earned wages."

"And we do not hesitate to assert that our public interests have been most prejudicially affected by the existence of the low-class gambling halls in the places above named being ignored, nay, almost recognised by the Hongkong Government."

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"It used to be common custom, and we have no doubt that it still is at the present time, for crowds of a certain section of the community, including women and children, to go over in steam-launches to Sam-shui-po and pass their Sunday afternoons in filthy Chinese dens, gambling at pao-chi and fan-tan, teaching a new generation the very worst forms of vice."

"And it is notorious—too notorious, alas—that the wretched conglomeration of Chinese hovels known as Kowloon City is the favourite rendezvous of a considerable number of the British and foreign community, persons occupying prominent positions in the Colony."

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The laws of China expressly prohibit gambling of every description, and so severe are the penalties against the keepers of the huge city of Canton, where official bribery is the most prominent feature of mandarin government, these popular games have to be played strictly under the rose.

"As a matter of fact, the regulated centre and only legalised home of fan-tan in South China is in the Holy City of Macao, licensed under the seal of His Most Christian Majesty, the King of Portugal and Algarves."

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"At Sam-shui-po and Kowloon the gambling is carried on without interference from the authorities, simply because the petty mandarins in charge of these places are bribed by the keepers of gaming houses to ignore what daily goes on."

"Steam-launches run frequently from here to Kowloon and Sam-shui-po, not only during the day, but also late at night, a considerable portion of the passengers are bound on the same mission—to 'buck the tiger,' as fan-tan has suggestively been named."

"The Hongkong Police do not hesitate to say that a large proportion of the Chinese visitors are shroffs, and office boys' and domestic servants in European employ in this Colony."

"Is it any wonder therefore, that petty pilfering is rather the rule than the exception in almost every house and office in Hongkong?"

"The European worshippers at the shrine of St. Fantan are of many nations and of various positions in social life, and it is a matter of great surprise that persons of position, educa-



THE City Hall—opened by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1869. It contained a theatre, two halls, a music-room, public library and reading room, a museum and the offices of the Chamber of Commerce.

tion, and refinement can so lower themselves as to become regular habitués of such unclean dens of infamy and vice, the associates of evil-smelling coolies, the patrons of the least interesting and most degrading form of gambling known on the face of the globe."

I particularly like that literary gem, "worshippers at the shrine of St. Fantan."

It took a little time—heaven did not seem in a hurry—but on February 8, 1891, fire broke out in Shamshuipo. In one night, the whole place was wiped out, and damage amounting to \$30,000 was caused. Contemporary reports do not hesitate to suggest that many of those who had lifted their voices against this village, considered the fire as less a vindication, but more of a response to their petitioning.

But Shamshuipo took the fire in its stride, because by August 20 of the same year, the whole thing was going at full swing, crushing this letter to be addressed to the editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.

Only last week it was currently reported that owing

to friendly pressure which the local Government brought to bear on the Viceroy of Canton, these dens of infamy had been finally doomed to extinction, but unfortunately the rumour was without foundation.

"Into whose pockets do the profits of these hell-peopling establishments go? Is it, as is openly stated into those of the Mandarin in command there, or do the cut-throat soundrels who run them absorb the whole?"

"It would be alike interesting and useful to have this point finally decided, as the necessary measures for their suppression could then be framed in accordance with the requirements of the case."

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"I visited the place on the Lord's Day just to satisfy myself as to the truth of the many harrowing tales I had heard of the doings there, and was wounded to the soul to see, alas more than I had ever dreamed of."

"There were men, and women too, of the various social grades who with nerv-

ous clutch and strained gaze either gathered in their unhallowed galls, or watched their piles diminishing."

"Truly a pitiable sight!..."

"A CLERGYMAN"

Now that letter reads a bit hollow to me, and I wonder if "A Clergyman" was not over to buck the tiger himself, when he was spotted by one of his flock.

To find himself wounded to the soul in these parts over a fan-tan game is a bit far-fetched. However, as the literature of Mrs. Humphrey Ward has made plain, that was the manner of expression expected from the clergy of those days.

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Saturday:

THE FIRST TOURISTS

ONE OF BRITAIN'S TOP JOURNALISTS PRESENTS HIS STARS OF 1958

Well, at least one man said what he thought!

AS the most OUT-SPOKEN man of the year I nominate Mr. John Davis, right-hand man to Lord Rank in the "celluloid" empire of the Rank Organisation.

By ALEXANDER THOMSON

up with quite a few of the over-hasty.

As the bills roll in at the year's end, I imagine some are wishing that they had paid more attention to Sir William's sound advice.

These two are sparkling and colourful personalities. As the BOLDEST man of the year, here is a 72-year-old Yorkshireman who is plain and homely, as well as forthright.

He is Mr. Algernon Denham, the "lone ranger" of the building societies and head of Britain's biggest, the Halifax. Denham is the only one of the big bosses in the societies to announce a cut in the interest rate on home loans because of this year's reductions in Bank rate.

As long ago as last August, he said he was lowering his rate to home buyers from 6 p.c. to 5½ p.c.

At the time he declared: "I don't think building societies can go on indefinitely ignoring the downward trend in interest rates."

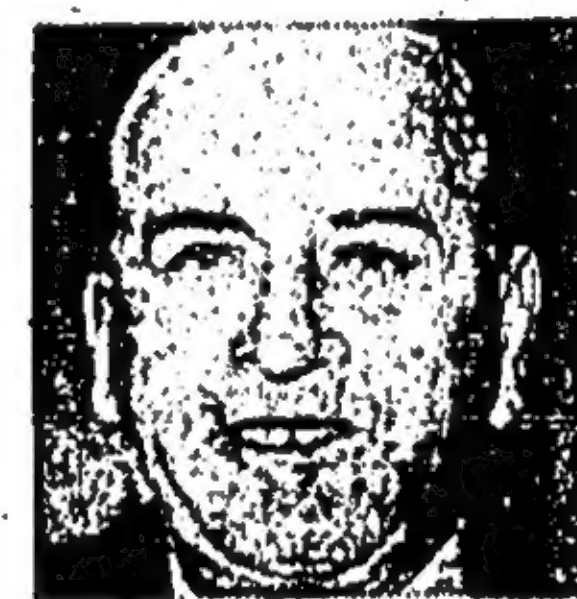
But the powerful Building Societies Association, of which the Halifax is not a member, has not budged itself yet. It is still saying that the old 6 p.c. is the correct rate for home loans.

Ahead again

It is a "new boy" to the world of finance and big business who I suggest has caused the BIGGEST STIR of the past year.

This distinction I give to 67-year-old Lord Monckton, who after his triumphs as a lawyer and Tory Labour Minister is now chairman of the Midland Bank.

Think back on how he startled the City by launching the Midland's new "personal loans" scheme for buying anything from cars to TVs on



SIR WILLIAM ROOTES
Down-to-earth.

In the big money field, the SHREWDEST move was surely made by Mr. Gibson Jarvis, Britain's "Mr. Hire Purchase." He foresaw the ending of hire purchase controls months before it happened, and linked his United Dominions Trust with Barclays Bank, ready for "the off."

Who shall we have as the most PERSISTENT man of 1958? No doubt about that. Mr. Henry Jarril, 55-year-old head of the Beecham Group, whose products range from Brylcreem to Lucozade.

He earns that title for his no-holds-barred fight with Sir Frederic Hooper, of Schweppes, for control of the Corona soft-drinks business.

The bidding opened at £6,500,000. It finished at nearly £8,000,000 with Beechams on top.

It was a double-year-money tussle that whisked Corona shares up from 27s. 3d. to 51s. 6d. almost before you could say soda water.

Then there is Sir Simon Marks, that 70-year-old dynamo behind the Marks and Spencer enterprise.

He deserves the HOUSEWIVES' award for the way he

has tackled Mr. Riving Price. Ten times this year he has cut prices in his chain of stores. "A Clergyman" was not over to buck the tiger himself, when he was spotted by one of his flock.

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So wait until he has slashed income tax and reorganised purchase tax in his next Budget, and scrapped the Colony's Troublesome Treasury "creature," the Capital Issues Committee.

Then, next year we shall roll all these awards (except Miss Maurice's) into one—and give him THE LOT!

(London Express Service).

A gracious welcome to your guests



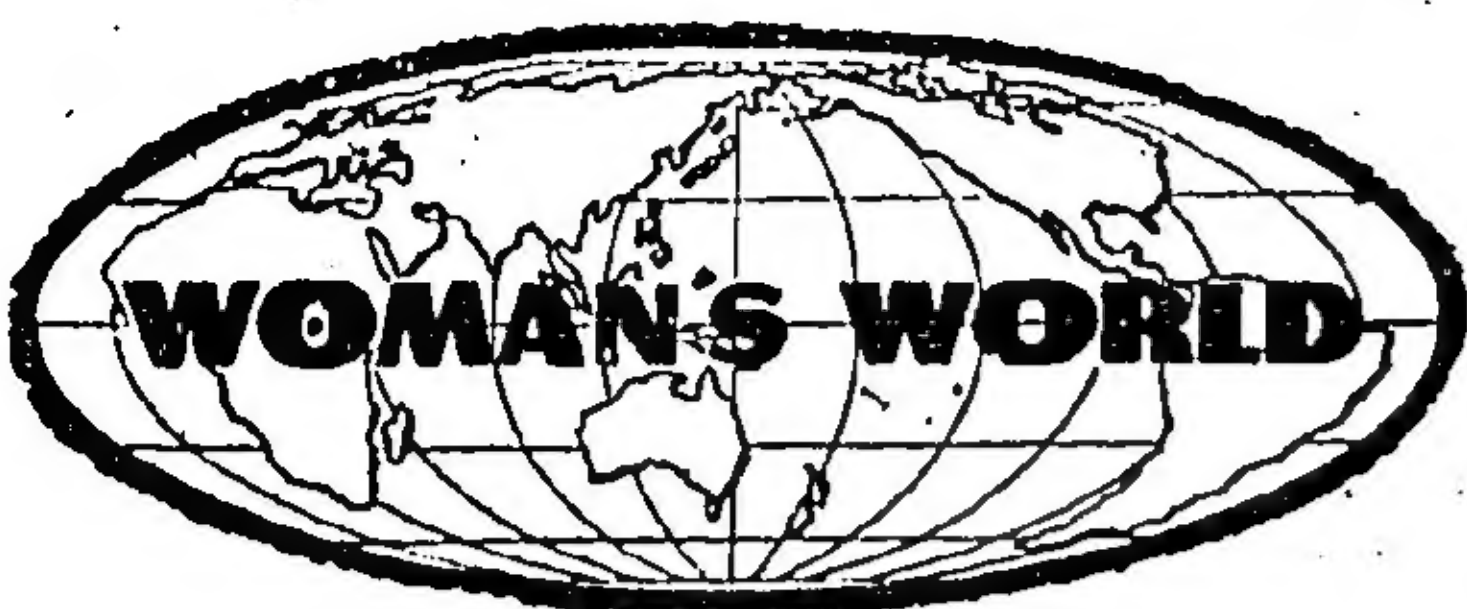
More & more people are drinking
DRY FLY SHERRY



"GEE, AND NO HORNS OR TAIL EITHER..."

London Express Service

WOMANSENSE



That Couldn't Care Less Look

By HAZEL MEYRICK

London. The most curious fashion to arrive in London for some time is for clothes with a carefully contrived casualness about them, suggesting that the wearer takes no interest in her appearance—which, of course, is the reverse of the truth.

At one time, the fussier a woman's appearance, the better the hat, the more jewellery she wore—the more chic she was considered to be. Now it seems that the greatest compliment a guest can pay you is to turn up at your party in sweater and slacks.

But they are not, of course, ordinary sweaters and slacks. The trousers are likely to be of wild silk, designed, perhaps, by the Italian sportswear designer Emilio Pucci, and fitting as sleekly as a pair of tights. And the sweater will almost certainly be of melton, cut on comfortable, sloppy lines, but expensive for all that.

The couldn't-care-less look is typified in the current craze for beautifully-cut shirts and skirts, instead of party dresses, for bulky coats of fabulous materials with practically no shape—but, above all, for crazy casual jewellery.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

GENEROUS George beamed on his opponents and remarked, "It is still early December but every day is Christmas with me so I am going to give you the next trick on a silver platter."

George, sitting South, had just won the first trick and after finishing his nice speech George proceeded to play the deuce of diamonds from his own hand and the three of diamonds from the dummy.

The usual aftermath of one of George's speeches ensued. East won the trick and led a second spade. George won this and played another diamond but this time he was careful to play dummy's queen. East took his ace and led a third spade whereupon George ran off four diamonds and three clubs to make

NORTH 6		EAST	
♠ J9		♠ 1054	
♥ J9		♥ K73	
♦ KQ7053		♦ A J9	
♣ A107		♣ 9543	
WEST		SOUTH (D)	
♠ 87632		♠ AKQ	
♥ A104		♥ Q8652	
♦ 108		♦ 42	
♣ 862		♣ KQJ	
		Both vulnerable	
		South West North East	
		1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass	
		2NT Pass 3NT Pass	
		Pass Pass	
		Opening lead—3♣	

♥♦CARDSENSE♦♠

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1♣ 1♥ 2♣ Pass
3♣ Pass 2♦
You, South, hold:
♠ 7543 ♠ AK542 ♠ K108
What do you do?
—Eight diamonds. Your hand is surely worth another bid here.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner continues with a bid of three spades. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY ...By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

BORN today, you have vaulting ambitions as well as an almost overpowering desire to get ahead in the world. Original, inventive and artistic, your idea of "getting along" is to reach the top of your profession—not necessarily to make a million dollars. There are those who may not be able to understand that you would prefer to live simply and do as you choose in life rather than to live in luxury and do a job that bores you.

You will never do your best work in any conventional groove of activity. Get away from a routine desk job; disassociate yourself from office detail; work on your own time and at your own speed. Only in that way will you reach the heights to which your talents entitle you. It may be a struggle to get out from under, but unless you do, you will become unhappy, a embittered throughout life, for within your own heart you know you could be destined for greatness.

Your emotional life is near the surface, and you will be happiest if you wed at an early age and have

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Now you can start on a new job if you wish. A fine time for it, say the stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Consult with the office manager on an important matter. You should get your way now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—An engineer specialised in the job, may be the one you should consult for help.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Good hiring day. Now you can take on that extra person you have already interviewed.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Some thing requiring a quick turn-over should be handled today. Green lights are with you.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Anything requiring speed can be taken care of now. Get an early start, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—If someone has been threatening your security, be sure to get full protection now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—Take legal action if you feel there is no other way to solve a serious dispute.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Get an early start on a new project which needs immediate attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You could make an effort—and probably a successful one—to collect some money owed to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Make future plans, but don't expect any decisive action on them at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—A good day to find a mother's helper to give you an assist around the house.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I've never dug up anything like this, but I did find Alice's lodge button when I was transplanting my tulips!"

COLLECTING ART WORKS FOR EMBROIDERY IS HER HOBBY

IT all started when someone admired a clay statue of an aged Chinese gentleman which, in turn, brought up the topic of Eastern Art, which reminded Miss Greta Collins of one of her hobbies. Before long we were having a demonstration.

"It's simple!" she said, holding herself to a pencil and a fresh sheet of graph paper. "I merely sketch as clearly as I can some drawing or design that appeals to me and then attempt to put it into embroidery."

Miss Collins, who has recently arrived in the Colony for the purpose of training adult leaders for the Girl Guide Association, explained that every one she goes she tries to absorb, and take back home samples of local traditional art.

Years of travelling have produced a handsome collection of art specimens from Scandinavia, Southern Europe, South America and the East, the most exceptional of which have been adapted to suit a specific use and embroidered on cushions, tapestries, tray cloths, needle cases and chair covers.

SCOPE

Equipped, as she says, "with a whole sheaf of graph paper," she hopes to find ample scope for her hobby during the year she will spend in Hongkong. Intensely interested in all forms of social work particularly if it is connected with youth,

Miss Collins has been actively associated with the Guiding movement ever since she first became a guide as a youngster. Since that time she has been thoroughly trained in every phase of the work and now holds a Chief's Diploma for training.

Two years ago she was chosen to go with the British delegation to the world conference of girl guides and girl scouts which was held in Brazil.

After visiting various Guide centres there, Miss Collins went on to the United States where she gave a series of lectures and courses at the famous Edith Macy training school.

Following the year of intensive training here in Hongkong, she will then go on for a further year with the Girl Guide Association in New Zealand.

Travelling under a work schedule that would stagger a lesser person, this bright and amiable Scot has a refreshing enthusiasm for her work that is backed up by years of experience and knowledge of her field.

With her easy nature and ready wit, she is always eager for discussion on all problems, needs and hopes that may concern Guiding.

READY BELIEVER

A strong believer in providing youth with a strong foundation of sound ideas, Miss Collins said, "I feel that the youth of any country has such tremendous potentialities that by encouraging individuality and combining it with the essence of team work, a nation cannot but help benefit from these youngsters who will eventually become the leaders."

She is finding her work in Hongkong very rewarding and

PEOPLE I MEET
by
JOANNE BLAIR

remarked that both the European and Chinese women training under her are eager and quick to grasp the training she is giving them.

"More leaders are always needed," said Miss Collins, "and would, of course, allow the work to progress more rapidly."

BOOK LOVER

When not guiding or hunting up original specimens of local art, Miss Collins prefers to read. A great lover of all books and a woman with an extremely catholic taste, she says that she'll switch from a whodunit to philosophy depending on mood.

Next to reading comes walking and gardening and just plain country life.

A short while ago she purchased a small 'keepers' cottage 35 miles outside Edinburgh which serves a dual purpose—that of a peaceful retreat from the hustle-bustle of city life or as a place in which to entertain friends on weekends.

Miss Collins hopes to return home to Scotland late in 1960.

Fireside Fashion



By GRACE THORNCIFFE

SIT-BY-THE-FIRE clothes are just as charming, just as comfortable as go-out-at-night clothes—which helps to make an evening at home something to be desired. This sleek outfit has an oriental looking over-bloss of black satin with a frog closing. The slim pants are of Paisley print cotton velvet. A white satin blouse is worn underneath the over-bloss.

Some Sane "Don'ts" For A Common Cold

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

SNEEZE just once or twice and your friends and relatives will probably be telling you what to do for a cold. Just about everyone, it seems, has some pet remedy. And, in a kindly spirit, they always are ready and willing to tell you about it at the slightest provocation.

Well, I'm not going to tell you what to do. Instead, I want to tell you what not to do when you catch a cold.

Friends' Advice

The first "don't" is don't follow the advice of well-meaning but ill-informed friends. From time immemorial many people have tried one cold remedy after another. They have starved a cold, they have fed a cold, they have tried fruit juice diets and they have downed every type of drug that was ever advertised or advised.

Some Value

Some of these cold drugs can alleviate symptoms and there is

no doubt they have some value in treating cold symptoms. But, after all these years, with all these various methods, we still have not found a cure for the common cold.

Another important "don't" is don't experiment with nose drops, inhalants, pills or medicine left over from a previous cold. And don't try drugs recommended by well-meaning friends.

All colds, you must remember, are not alike. The medicine you or your next-door neighbour took the last time a cold attacked might not be any good at all for the next one.

Moreover, it might be downright harmful unless it is properly used under the right conditions.

Don't put your hopes on drugs or methods that already have been proved valueless. And remember nose drops and gargles won't kill viruses in your nose and throat.

Toughening Yourself

Don't try to "toughen" your resistance to colds by sleeping on unheated porches or with the windows wide open, or by taking cold baths. It won't do any good. Such so-called hardening attempts have no bearing at all on the number of colds you might catch, nor upon the severity of them.

Don't expect to avoid colds by moving to a warm climate. Residents of the deep South catch colds, too.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

P. K.: Some people say that keeping the windows open at night is unhealthy.

Answer: A sleeping room should be well ventilated but free from drafts. An open window not permitting a direct draft on the sleeper is usually advisable.

A few older people and individuals highly susceptible to colds seem to do better when they sleep without a direct breeze falling on them. But be sure you always have fresh air in your sleeping room.

Household Hints

The most important rule for entertaining is to draw up a blueprint. Professional caterers don't try to carry party details around in their heads, so why should you?

If you've tried sewing jar rings to the corners of skiddy rugs without success, try again—using three jar rings wound together on each corner. One on each corner will not provide sufficient suction.

About one and a half slices of bread are needed for each serving of stuffing in a turkey.

Use left-over turkey in a tossed salad. Dice the meat first.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Magnificent Merlin

—He Can Do Anything With A Snap Of His Finger—

By MAX TRELL

IT was a fine crisp day. The winter sun shone brightly in a pure blue sky. Knarf and Hanid, the Shadows with the Turned-About Names, were looking out of the window when all at once they heard a voice behind them, saying:

"Just the right kind of a day for a ride in the park."

Knarf and Hanid looked around. It was their friend, Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician. He was wearing a dressing gown with suns and moons and stars on it and a tall pointed hat.

Don't Look Surprised

"Don't look so surprised," he said to Knarf and Hanid. "From the expression on your faces, you make me feel that you think I can't ride at all!"

"Oh, we didn't mean that at all!" Hanid said to Mr. Merlin, whom she liked very much,

"You mean ride a horse?" asked Knarf.

Mr. Merlin nodded.

"How about it?" he said.

"Let's all go horseback riding this morning!"

"It's a wonderful idea," replied Hanid, "only we don't know how to ride."

Riding Is Easy

"Nonsense," said Mr. Merlin. "Riding is easy. All you have to do is keep the horse from jolting you out of the saddle."

"But we haven't even got horses," said Knarf.

"No trouble at all," said Mr. Merlin. "I'll get horses."

"And, we haven't got riding clothes," said Hanid.

Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician, simply kept on smiling.

"No trouble at all, no trouble at all," he kept saying.

"It really was no trouble at all. Mr. Merlin snapped his fingers once. Instantly, he and Hanid and Knarf—were wearing riding clothes.

Beautiful Ponies

Mr. Merlin snapped his fingers again, and there they were, standing beside three beautiful ponies.

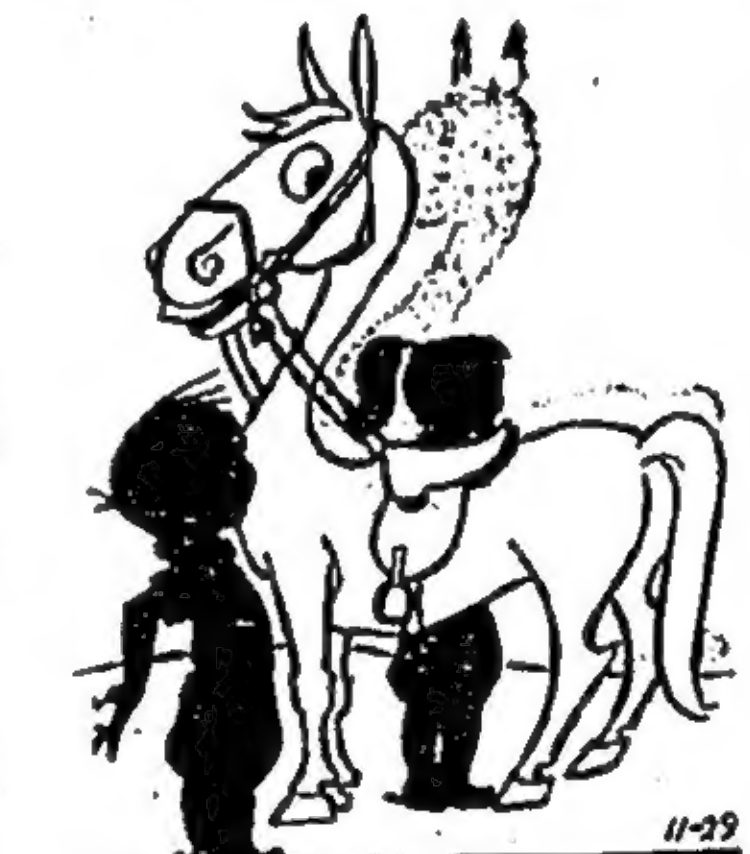
"Why," exclaimed Knarf in astonishment, "they look just like Merry-Go-Round Horses!"

"That's what they are!" said Mr. Merlin. "Let's go riding through the park!"

They led the three beautiful ponies, all gold and red and blue into the garden.

Then they all jumped into the saddles.

Mr. Merlin was right. Knarf and Hanid had no trouble at all riding. Moreover the horses were



The Shadows found themselves beside the Ponies.

as gentle as could be—as gentle as Merry-Go-Round Horses always are.

And once they reached the park, what fun it was prancing and trotting and galloping over the frosty ground!

"Well," said Mr. Merlin, when the morning was nearly over, "I think we'd better take our horses back where they belong."

Empty Places

So Knarf and Hanid rode the horses to the place in the park where the Merry-Go-Round stood. And there, sure enough, were three empty places belonging to the three ponies on which they were riding with Mr. Merlin!

How did Knarf and Hanid and Mr. Merlin get back home again? It was wonderfully simple. Mr. Merlin merely snapped his fingers!

That's the luck you have if you happen to know a Magician as Magnificent as Mr. Merlin. He gets you anything and takes you anywhere with the snap of a finger!

Rupert and the Secret Boat—5



Rupert cannot think of any reason for the Professor's silence, and he is sure something happens to drive the matter from his mind. Hearing footsteps he glances out of the window, then calls his Maumey to the door where they meet Granny Guinness and Gregory. "Good morning," says the Granny. "I've come to ask a favour. I'm going to take little Gregory for a holiday. I don't want to keep him tied to me all the time and I'm too old to run about with him. Would you let Rupert come to take care of him?"



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ENGLAND CAN MAKE RUGBY HISTORY

First Ever Hat-Trick Possible Against Wales On January 17

By JOHN COTTRELL

How dearly will Wales miss the genius of the Rhondda magician Cliff Morgan, who has gained 29 international caps since 1951 and now retired prematurely at the age of 28?

Can England win the International Championship for the third year in succession with a rejuvenated fifteen which currently contains six new caps?

These questions are uppermost in the mind of Wales and England players as they prepare to do battle in their first Championship match of the season at Cardiff Arms Park on January 17.

The meeting between last year's champions and runners-up will no longer be a long-winded affair, as the Welsh players will be able to provide the answer to an even more intriguing question: whether the new Rugby laws have made attack the best form of defence.

The new laws are devised to bring the backs more into play. But some experts believe that this cannot be achieved unless the approach of both sides is directed to that purpose.

Excellent Test-Case

They argue that if one side has powerful forwards and the other outstanding backs, then the result will be a stalemate even under the new laws. For the wing forward measure remains, despite the efforts of legislators.

Wales versus England provides an excellent test-case, England, with young mobile forwards and the strongest three-quarter line of the Home Countries, is designed essentially for attack. Wales, with a fierce and formidable pack, will play to a defensive plan behind the scrum where they remain ill-equipped.

On paper, England looked certain winners against Wales last year. But the Welsh players who prefer to be understood, forced a 3-3 draw at Twickenham by defensive tactics which never allowed the fast English backs to get into their full stride.

As a spectacle it was a dull match with the astonishing number of 175 stoppages. But for the student of Rugby tactics it was a fascinating struggle, with Cliff Morgan, working the touch-line with persistent and inspired kicking, the main architect of Wales's moral victory.

Inconceivable

This time there will be no Morgan to keep the play for

Don Bradman Congratulates Hanif Mohammed

Sydney, Jan. 13.

Sir Donald Bradman, Australia's former Test captain, today "heartily congratulated" Pakistan's Hanif Mohammed on his recent score of 499, the highest individual innings in first class cricket.

Hanif's score beat Sir Donald's 452 not out, which had stood as a record for nearly 30 years.

Hanif was unlucky not to reach 500, being run out off the last ball of the day.

Sir Donald told reporters: "By his previous performances, it was clear that Hanif was a player of exceptional ability."

'MOUNTING SKILL'

"This innings ensures that cricket spectators everywhere will be anxious to see him play and should add considerably to Australia's projected tour of India and Pakistan next summer."

"I'm delighted to see further evidence of the mounting skill of players of the younger cricket nations. I feel that the growing cricket stature of countries other than England and Australia plus tremendous enthusiasm for the game in places like India and Pakistan will mean a great deal to the game in the coming years."—China Mail Special.

Retiring

Johannesburg, Jan. 13. "Heinie" Kruger, 29-year-old South African holder of the Empire pole vault record, today announced his retirement from athletics. "I have 'lost interest' he declared. "Pole vault has become a labour and I don't enjoy it any more."—China Mail Special.

ward, and, under the new laws, it is inconceivable that there will be so many stoppages. But the prospect of open play at Cardiff is likely to be reduced by the heavy state of the ground.

In the circumstances, I believe the English selectors have done a magnificent job, except perhaps in their choice of scrum half. They have dropped the long-striding, courageous, Dickie Henson in favour of Steve Smith of Cambridge University.

Smith has the longer pass, but Jones is the best covering back in the business, a doughty fighter who thrives in the Cardiff mud and whom the Welsh have never been able to fathom.

The choice also means England field an untried and unproven half-back pair. Smith's partner is another new cap, 21-year-old Beverley Henson, who combined magnificently with Jones in the trials.

Brightest Prospect

Henson is the most interesting newcomer to this rebuilt England XV. He is the son of Rugby League's immortal Gus Henson and he will be making his international debut against his father's home country.

Dev Henson, born in Manchester, turned down the offer of a Welsh trial this season. Now he is recognised as England's brightest attacking prospect since Martin Rees.

He will have his international debut in the toughest match of the year—in front of 60,000 Welsh fans—and it's a bold gambler moving him a partner with whom he has never played before.

The selectors' best work has been the finding of a new and younger front row, comprising hooker John Wackett and props Gordon Rendon and Larry Webb.

Only three forwards in the England XV have held their place—David Morgan, John Currie and John Herbert.

The pack also welcomes back one old hand—the incredible Peter Higgins, who, at 28, is making his second international comeback.

Three years ago they said Higgins was finished. He injured his knee and it had to be held together with steel wire. But seventeen months later he returned to the England team that defeated Wales 3-0. He dislocated his elbow in the second minute of that match and I hope he has better luck at Cardiff this time.

The Old Quartet

In weight this pack should be a match for Wales. They average over 15 stone a man, the only lightweights being Wackett and Herbert.

The England selectors have exercised caution in choosing their backs. They rely on the old quartet of Peter Jackson, Malcolm Phillips, Jeff Butterfield and Peter Thompson.

Butterfield, the new England skipper, will be making his 25th international appearance, joining C. Lowe (a wing) as the most capped England back ever.

The full-back spot remains in the safe hands of Jim Hetherington, who played in two internationals last season before he was badly concussed. I rate him as the best place-kicker in the side.

It is only at full-back that Wales are obviously superior to England. Terry Davies is in superb form and England will

remember that it was his great 50-yard penalty kick which brought last year's draw at Twickenham.

The most important job falls to one of the seven new Welsh caps—Cliff Ashton. This 20-year-old steel-company mill-operator appears at fly-half and does the weight mantle of the great Cliff Morgan.

Another Morgan?

Ashton deserves this honour. He was the best fly-half in the trials and in the final trial he ran the length of the field, losing a try only when his kick past the full-back rolled into touch on the line.

Another Morgan? That is too much to expect of any man. But the new Cliff of Wales is a fine, steady player who could hold this position for many international matches to come.

On Saturday the Welsh strength will lie once more in the pack, and everything points to a stern forward battle in the Cardiff mud.

Welsh defensive tactics will probably make it a low-scoring game, as it has been ever since the 1952-53 season. In that time neither side has beaten the other by more than five points.

But England have the all-round power to overcome the Welsh this time, and, if they can prove that attacking methods really pay, I expect these could pull off that hat-trick of International Championships and make Rugby history.

country has ever won the title outright in three successive years.

Campbell To Try Break Land Speed Record

London, Jan. 13.

Britain's Donald Campbell, holder of the world's speedboat record, confirmed today he would attempt to break the world land speed record with a special automobile next year.

Campbell told newsmen at a Press conference that he hoped to crack the 400 mph barrier with his "Campbell special". Technicians from Britain's big automobile firms have spent more than 51,000 working hours on developing the engine, chassis and bodywork.

Work on perfecting the tyres which will carry the power-packed speedster alone has cost £100,000.—France-Press.

Malaya Losing Cricketer Of The Year

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 14.

Malaya is about to lose one of its leading cricketers, Australian all-rounder Arthur Dews.

Dews, who played in the New South Wales County XI against the MCC before coming to Malaya in 1955, is leaving in February for Fiji.

He was voted Malayan "Cricketer of the Year" in 1958.—China Mail Special.



MOST INTERESTING NEWCOMER TO THE ENGLAND XV, BEVERLEY RISMAN (left), listens to a record session at home as a change from talking about Rugby with his famous League father, Gus (right), his mother and 14-year-old brother, John.

D'AMATO NOT DIVULGING FIGHT PLANS FOR PATTERSON YET

New York, Jan. 13.

Cus D'Amato, manager of world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson today refused to confirm or deny the flurry of reports and rumours on Patterson's fight plans following the Supreme Court dissolution of the IBC (International Boxing Commission) and the victory for the British Empire title of Henry Cooper in London.

D'Amato said simply that he was waiting to see his lawyer would file a suit had been given by him. According to one press report signed by Jimmy Cannon in the New York Journal, Rosenzohn had practically concluded the early phases of deals for two world championship defence fights.

First Deal

The first deal would be a match between Cooper of London with Floyd Patterson and a second would put the world champion into the ring with Ingemar Johansson of Sweden.

According to Jimmy Cannon, D'Amato would have preferred to see Brian London win the verdict at Earl's Court last

night. But all the same, D'Amato is reportedly ready for a Patterson-Cooper fight if Henry Cooper does not show signs of friendship with the International Boxing Club or its allies.

The Giant Swede

If this does not work out, says Cannon, D'Amato would turn towards London for a title fight. A London-Patterson fight would be staged at Madison Square Gardens without causing the suspicion of the depressed fight emperor, Jim Norris.

It would not be after this fight with a Briton that a contest with the giant Swede would be arranged.

The venue, according to the sports writer has not been arranged—but Cus D'Amato has continually affirmed that Patterson would defend his crown at Colorado Springs, probably this June.—France-Press.

WORLD'S BIGGEST MONEY MAKING STADIUM BUT ALSO THE DIRTIEST

By LESLIE NAKESHIMA

Tokyo, Jan. 13. A former member of the pre-war Kono cabinet today labelled the Korakuen stadium in Tokyo as the biggest money maker of its kind in the world but one of the "dirtiest."

Naoki Hoshino, 68, appeared in an open letter in a sports newspaper to the Korakuen stadium management to make "radical" improvements so that the nation's increasing number of ball fans can well be proud of it.

"Total attendance throughout a

year even at the Yankee stadium isn't half of that of the Korakuen stadium because of its greater use," He-hino said.

"I believe the Korakuen stadium is the biggest money maker of its kind in the world," Hoshino said. "But the Korakuen stadium is small and is certainly one of the dirtiest in the world."

"It is dirty inside and outside," Hoshino said. "The approaches to the stadium from

the subway stations and elevated railways are not only narrow but filthy with a parallel in the world."

"But what grieves me more is that the Korakuen stadium management does not appear to have any intention of cleaning up and enlarging the stadium."

Hoshino said the Korakuen stadium enjoyed large baseball crowds last season but the attendance in the 1959 season was expected to be even better.—U.P.I.

But, nevertheless, the use of defending his title outside his own country and his big match temperament will not be upset by any reaction hostile or otherwise gup up by a foreign crowd.

KO Decision

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SPECIALIST GIVES ME GLOOMIEST CHRISTMAS BUT I'LL PLAY AGAIN

By TOM FINNEY

(Of Preston and England)

The specialist's fingers probed my thigh muscles gently. Then came the words I had dreaded: "There will be no more football for some time, Mr Finney. You need a prolonged rest."

This was the news which has just given me the gloomiest Christmas of all.

Yet it began as one of the best. I had been eagerly looking forward to my return to football and our Christmas Day game with Blackpool promised much.

During the first-half, my suspect thigh seemed to be standing the strain well. Then midway through the second, as the game moved into its most exciting phase, came personal disaster.

Stretching my leg to reach a cross ball, I felt the "muscle" tear like elastic.

How serious is the injury? Certainly not as serious as some newspapers would appear to suggest. Several of the stories sounded ominously like my soccer obituary. According to one report, I will have to undergo two months' treatment and then two months' convalescence before finally deciding whether or not to quit.

This is news to me. For when the specialist advised a rest, he spoke in terms of weeks—not months—and seemed fairly optimistic about my prospects.

Retire?

I quite realise that when a player reaches the age of 30, his muscles don't knit together quite as quickly as they used to. And if the leg doesn't make the progress expected, I would almost certainly retire from the game. But, at the moment, I consider that a very remote possibility.

I imagine my breakdown was due simply to playing too soon after my previous injuries but I am confident of wearing Preston's colours again before the championship battle is over.

No Self-Pity

Even if the worst did come to the worst, I would have no ground for self-pity.

For when I think of the ill-luck that has befallen up-and-coming players such as Sheffield Wednesday's Derek Dooley and Alick Jeffrey of Doncaster, I consider myself too generously treated by the gods of football.

I have played 76 times for my country, been twice chosen as Footballer of the Year, scored in a Wembley Cup Final and toured the world under the English banner.

Magic Carpet

When I made my international debut against Ireland in 1946, I stepped on a magic carpet which was to take me through Asia, America, Africa and the capitals of Europe.

There has been so much to remember. . . . Lisbon and the 10-goal defeat of Portugal in 1947. . . . Turin in 1948 when England humbled the Italians, 4-0, before their very partisan followers. Italy in those days

were a great combination and I still rate this victory the finest performance by any English team in which I played. . . . Thousands of fans mobbing our hotel in Rome, Vienna, Rio and Madrid. Everywhere we were hailed as the soccer monsters. . . .

Bello Horizonte and we are humbled by the United States. . . . Vienna in 1952. Three thousand British troops cheer us to a great 3-2 victory and then carry us off shoulder-high. . . . The Austrians and F.I.F.A. come desperately close to destroying our unbeaten home record against foreign sides. . . . The mighty Hungarians come to Wembley and they tumble at last. . . .

Budapest and worse to come. We go down 7-1, a defeat, without bitterness. I considered it a privilege to play against the greatest side I ever saw at the moment that they touched the heights.

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My career has indeed been filled to overflowing with magic moments. But don't close the list just yet.

There will be others.

OFF THE CUFF

I hear that the Spurs players presented their manager BILL NICHOLSON with an end-of-the-year present—a large bottle of aspirins. . . . Only real rival for BILLY WRIGHT'S England centre-half berth seems to be Blackpool's much-improved ROY CHATFIELD. . . . Don't be surprised if this proves to be Welsh and Swansea idol RAY DANIEL'S last season. . . . I understand that Charlton and Scotland defender JOHN HEWIE is trying to shake off the same type of injury as myself.

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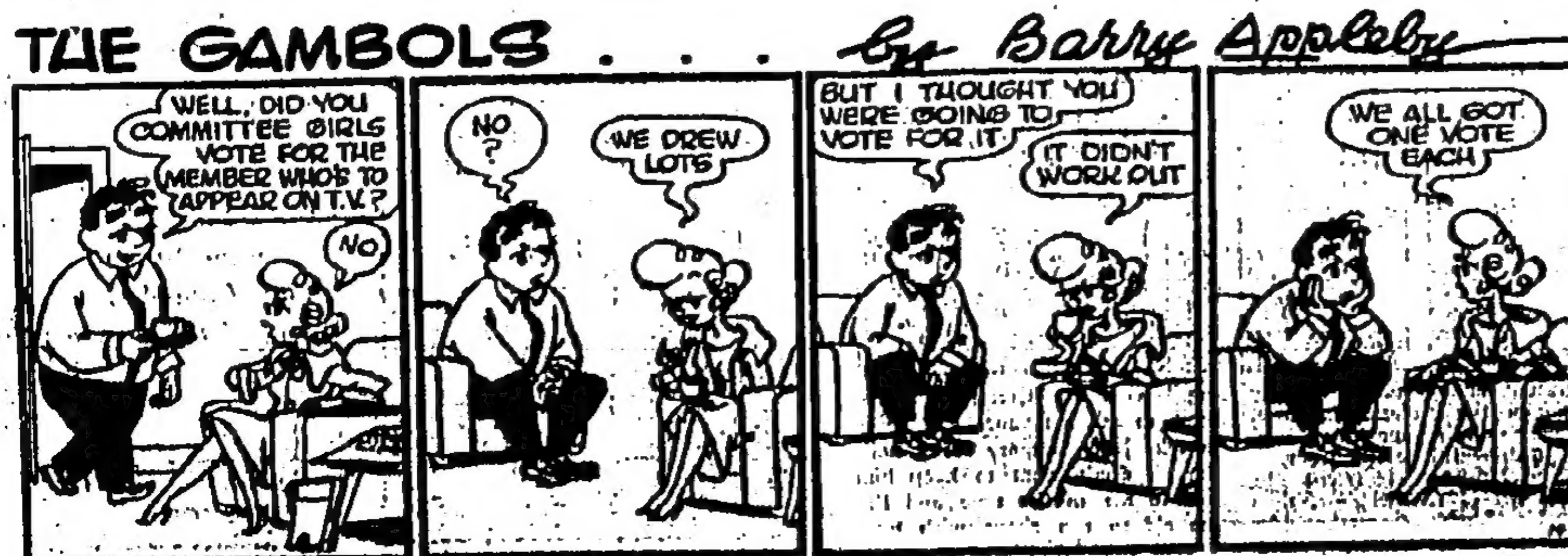
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Sports Diary

England In Precarious Position

LOSE OPENING PAIR FOR ONLY 39 RUNS BEFORE LUNCH

Meckiff Injured, Unable To Bowl

Sydney, Jan. 14.

England were in a precarious position at lunch on the fifth day of the third Test here today, having lost their opening pair for 39 runs—still 99 behind with eight wickets standing.

The position at the adjournment was:—England: 219 and 39 for two.

Australia: 357.

Rhodie Benaud, the Australian captain, captured both wickets in a quick succession, taking only a little spin.

He had Arthur Milton caught by Davidson for eight at 30, and then ended a good knock by Trevor Bailey—out to a great running catch by Bobby Simpson fielding as a substitute—for 25 at 37.

The Australian pace attack was early today reduced to one man—Alan Davidson—when Ian Meckiff left the field unable to complete his second over.

It was later announced that Meckiff who had bruised a tendon in his heel in the Melbourne Test, aggravated the injury in the only over he bowled last night.

He was unlikely to bowl again in this match.

Six Off Meckiff

Benaud claimed his two victims this morning for 18 runs in eight overs, including two maidens.

Davidson yielded only two runs in six overs. His first four overs were maidens.

At the interval Graveney was 5 and Peter May still to score.

Before a large crowd including members of the Australian selection committee, headed by Sir Donald Bradman, Davidson opened with a maiden to Bailey but the batsmen took six off Meckiff—three each by Bailey and Milton—to open the fifth day's scoring.

Davidson's second over was also a maiden but Meckiff, after bowling five balls—including a wide—in his second over, left the field and was replaced by Australia's 12th man, Bobby Simpson.

Promptly Cracked

It was announced that Meckiff hurt his Achilles tendon in bowling the only over last night.

Benaud came on after Meckiff's departure and Bailey promptly cracked the Australian captain to the ropes for the first four of the innings.

Weather conditions were ideal, with bright sunshine and a tempering northeast breeze.

The pitch appeared to be playing easily, with Benaud able to make the turn a little.

After bowling four successive maidens Davidson yielded his first run when Bailey put him away for a single.

After the first 45 minutes England had wiped out 20 of the first innings deficit of 138.

At 25 Keith Slater joined Benaud to make it an all-spin attack and his first over was a maiden. Then Benaud broke the stand as Milton edged to Davidson after scoring only eight—and England had lost their first wicket for 30.

Turned A Little

The ball appeared to have turned a little from the off and caught the inside edge of Milton's bat to give Davidson an easy catch.

In the next over Benaud claimed his second wicket as Simpson made a great running catch to dismiss Bailey for 25—and England had lost their opening pair for 37.

The ball was well pitched up to Bailey, who swept it to backward square leg for the substitute Alinder, standing at forward square leg, to make a splendid catch.

At lunch England were two for 39, with Graveney 5 and May still to score.

After Lunch

May began very shakily after lunch and, contrary to his usual style, flailed tentatively at several balls off his offstump from both Benaud and Davidson.

Graveney, however, settled down quickly and 21 runs came

in 20 minutes, including two fours by Graveney.

At 64 Graveney had a life when, playing forward to a well pitched delivery from Davidson, he edged it behind but Grout failed to hold the catch.

Before the end of the same over, however, Davidson dismissed Graveney for before with a full toss for 25—and England were three down for 61.

Graveney appeared to have been deceived by the pace of the delivery.

Indifferent Start

Cowdrey, joining May, started indifferently, and after edging the first ball from Davidson he was ripped on the pads by Benaud for a disallowed appeal.

But the Kent batsman soon settled down and carried his score past his captain's with two fours, a three and a two.

The first hour after lunch produced 52 runs to make England 91 for three.

After six overs each Benaud and Davidson gave way to Slater and Ken McKay in a double change, and the score advanced only four runs in the next 15 minutes.

Benaud came back after McKay had two overs for four runs and Cowdrey pulled him for four to send England's total of 100, in 175 minutes.

Slater, in his ninth over, gave seven extras with two deliveries which found a spot about a foot off the offstump and turned sharply to whizz past the keeper.

Slater next bowled a maiden as he kept aiming at the spot, twice hitting Cowdrey on the pads.—Reuter.

Lunch Scoreboard

ENGLAND—1st Innings—219

AUSTRALIA—1st Innings—357

ENGLAND 2nd Innings

T. E. Bailey c Simpson b Benaud 25
A. Milton c Davidson b Benaud 25
P. W. Graveney, not out 5
P. B. H. May, not out 0
Extras 1
Total for two wickets 39

Fail of wickets: 1/30, 2/37.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Meckiff	2.5	0	7	0
Davidson	6	4	2	0
Benaud	8	2	18	2
Slater	5	1	11	0

—Reuter.

WORLD BASKETBALL TOURNEY BEGINS FRIDAY WITH U.S.A. AND RUSSIA TOP FAVOURITES

Santiago, Jan. 13.

Most of the 16 countries participating in the third World Basketball Championships starting here next Friday, Jan. 16, are already in Chile.

CONZALES, SEDGMAN WIN PRO SEMI-FINALS

The Russian and American delegations arrived two days ago and they are already in the cities outside Santiago where they will compete in the first round of the tournament. Also here are the other Latin American countries competing.

Today the delegations from Canada, the United Arab Republic and Formosa arrived by air.

The Canadians, headed by Fred Colten, left for the southern city of Temuco where they will play with Brazil, Russia and Mexico in the first round.

The UAR delegation left for the southern city of Concepcion, where they will compete with the USA, Argentina and Formosa. The latter also arrived today and left by train for that southern city.

US promoter Jack Kramer, who has been given no access to amateur-controlled tennis stadiums in Australia by edict of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, was jubilant at the turnout to see today's matches.

"Get your photographers," Kramer cracked when reporters approached him after the match. "I want Don Ferguson (LTA President) to see a picture of the crowd."

Gonzales routed Australian Lew Hoed in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2, 6-3. Sedgman rallied to beat little Pancho Segura of Ecuador, 7-9, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Gonzales and Sedgman will meet in the finals on Thursday.—U.P.I.

US Swimmers To Visit Japan

New York, Jan. 13.

The American Athletic Union bulletin today confirmed that an American team of 15 swimmers and one diver would visit Japan in July.

The swimming team will be selected during the Los Angeles swimming championships which will be staged between July 9 and 12.

The team will leave the United States on July 4 and will return in time for the qualification trials for the United States for the Pan-American Games.—France-Press.

Malayans Want Australian Team

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 13.

The Malayan Cricket Association has asked the Australian High Commissioner, Mr. T.K. Critchley, for his help in persuading the Australian Cricket Team to visit Malaya.

The Malayan Association wants the Australian side to play two games here on its way back from India later this year.

Mr. Critchley has also been asked to help arrange a Malayan tour for the E.M.U. Club of Sydney this year.—China Mail Special.

No Protests Yet

Colten said that Russia was their favourite to win, but Yi Jun, chairman of the Formosa delegation thought that the USA would keep the world title. Joo said they expected to reach the semi-finals and predicted the Formosa team would beat Argentina and the UAR.

William Jones, Secretary General of the FIBA (International Basketball Federation) said he had not received any protests yet regarding the fixtures of the tournament, which Uruguay and Mexico had said was not fair.—U.P.I.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

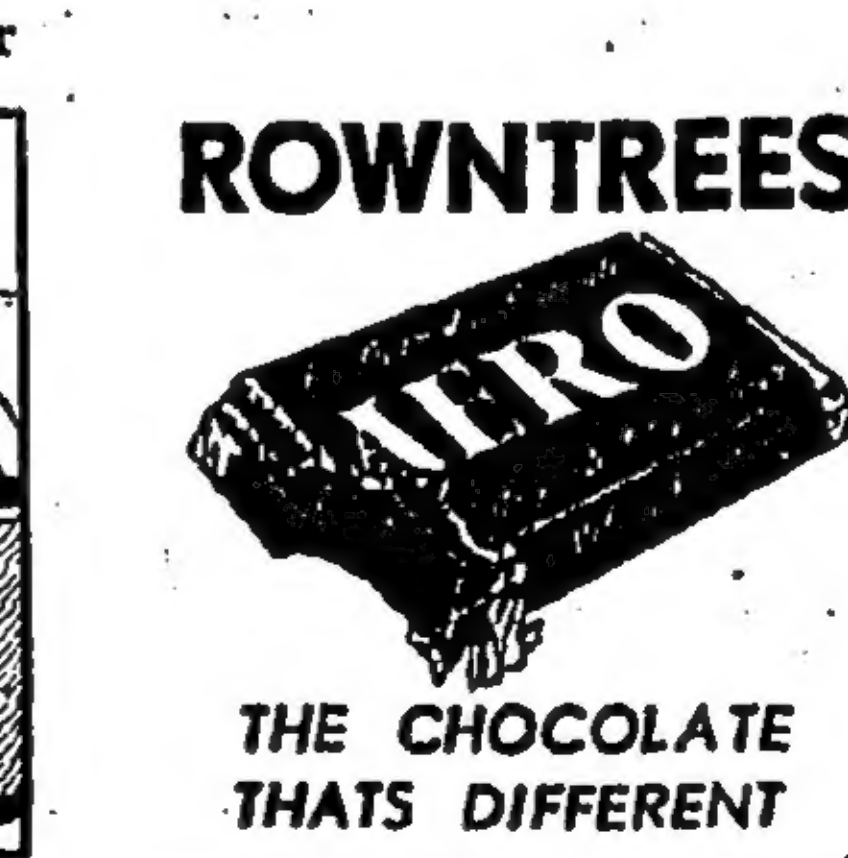
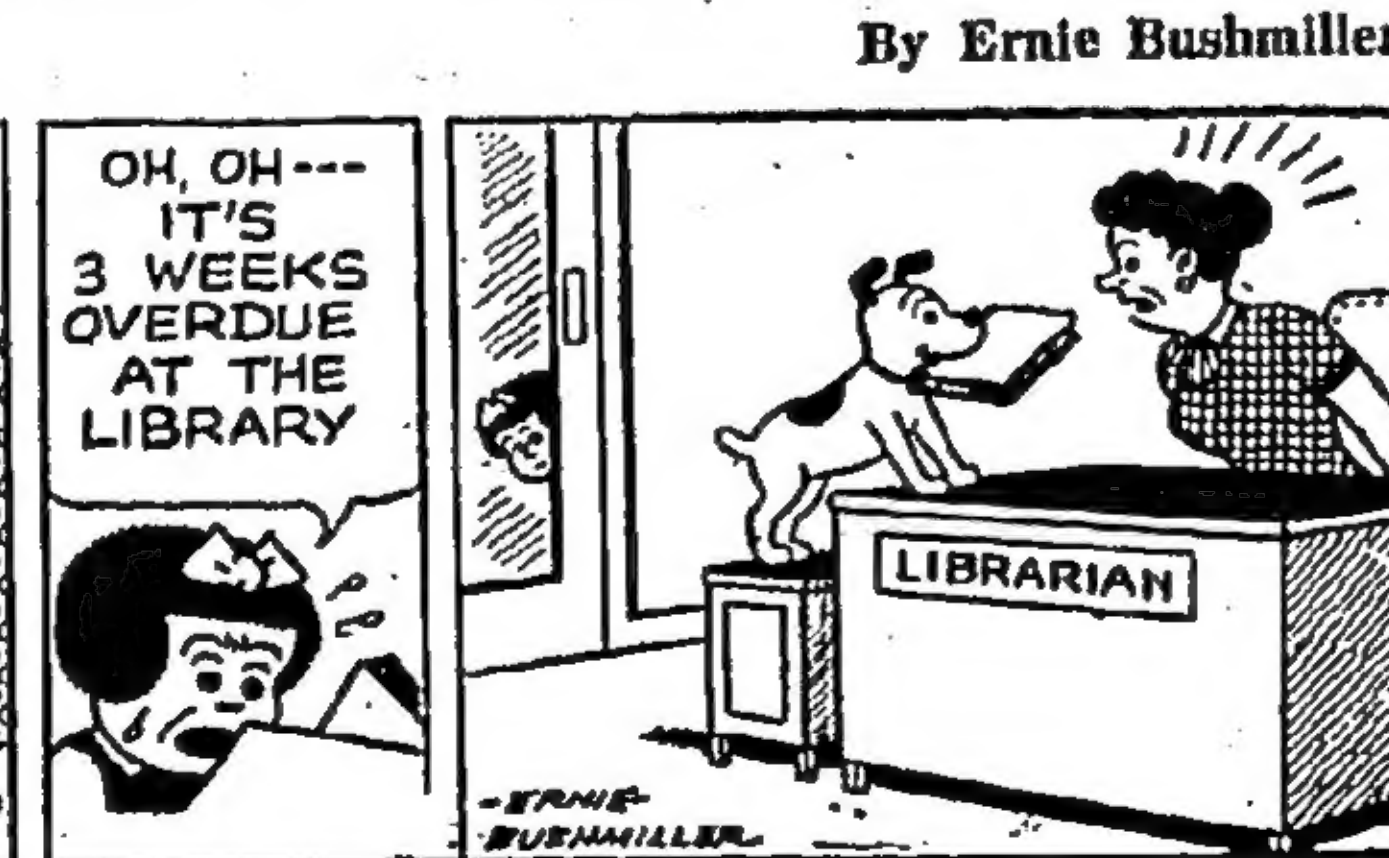
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Want A Yacht? THE 'SCEPTRE' IS FOR SALE

by WILLIAM HICKEY

London.

BRITAIN'S ill-fated America's Cup challenger, the 12-metre yacht Sceptre, is to be put up for sale. Offers must exceed £15,000, a figure which is probably rather less than half her original cost.

Sceptre will be sold with her racing sails. It is possible she may leave this country.

At least one foreign bidder is among five wealthy yachtmen already interested.

Mr. Hugh Goodson, chairman of the Royal Yacht Squadron syndicate which owns Sceptre, said last night that he and his colleagues had decided to put her on the open market to give other interested yachtmen a chance to bid.

British yachtmen will naturally hope that the highest bidder will come from this country. Mr. Goodson said: "Sceptre would be a very desirable trial horse for the next challenge."

New Challenge?

He added that he would be associated with the next challenge only to the extent of passing on the knowledge he has gained to whoever makes the challenge. He intimated that an announcement about a new challenge might be made in the near future.

Mr. Owen Aisher, who probably did more than anyone else to help Sceptre's challenge, said: "I hope she falls into good hands. It would be a pity if she left this country because she would at least be a yardstick with which to compare the next challenger. Let's hope the highest bidder is an Englishman."

Mr. Aisher spent a large sum of money on putting his own 12-metre, Evidite, into racing trim to act as Sceptre's trial horse during her trials.

Throughout the tuning and crew training period Mr. Aisher and his skipper, Stanley Bishop, drove Evidite to her utmost to make Sceptre go even faster.

Rumanian Basketball Deserter

Paris, Jan. 13.

Florin Cucos, the 6 feet 8½ inches giant, who deserted Rumania's national basketball team to seek political asylum in France, today signed up with the French Club, St. Charles, of Alfortville.

Cucos made his escape after playing for Rumania against France at Mulhouse last Saturday.

Two of Rumania's international basketball players, Borecsu and Nihaliescu, who immigrated to France, are also members of the St. Charles Club.—France-Press.

Asia's Fastest Sprinter Back In Form

Rawalpindi, Jan. 13.

Pakistan's Jamadar Abdul Khaliq, Asia's former fastest sprinter who has been nursing a knee injury since last year's Empire Games at Cardiff returned to form today.

In the Army trials here he clocked 10.4 seconds for the 100 metres sprint. This was one of his best times for the distance and he again becomes Pakistan's hope for the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome.—France-Press.



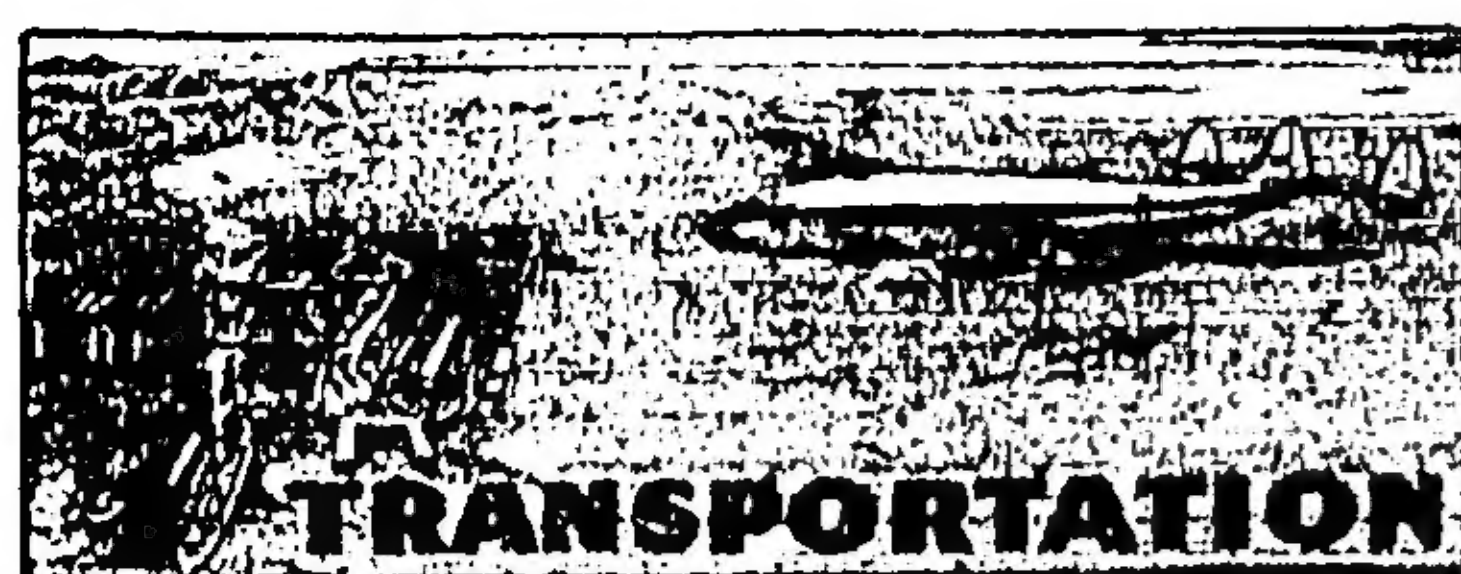
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BRITAIN REGRETS FLARE-UP OVER KLM FLIGHTS ISSUE

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GRADUAL REDUCTION

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Tanker Launched

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The vessel, which is 213 metres long and 30.5 metres wide, has a designed speed of 16.5 knots.—China Mail Special.



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Britain's Wall Street Stake Is Booming

By ALEXANDER THOMSON

London, Jan. 13.

There is a welcome touch of the old John Bull about Mr Harold Macmillan and his Government.

They are not missing any chances to display to one and all their confidence in the future.

In great style they wound up the Old Year by putting the £ back on the pedestal of convertibility for foreigners.

They have begun this New Year with another flourish by announcing Britain's reserves of gold and convertible currencies in terms of sterling, instead of dollars.

Mr Macmillan and his Government, of course, have every reason to be "bullish," to use the Stock Exchange word for looking hopefully ahead. They are in a "bull market" of their own just now. They are doing fine, as everybody knows. But there is another direction in which they are doing well—and few people are aware of it.

Astonishing

The British Government has had substantial gains on the Wall Street stock market as a result of the astonishing swing-round from gloom to a new boom there.

Very little is ever said about the large holdings of shares in a whole string of American enterprises.

Few figures are available to anyone outside the Treasury. But from the limited clues that are around, I calculate that the Government's holdings of

U.S.A. stocks have risen in cash worth by at least 212 million dollars, or £76 million, in the past year.

The value

Their present value—and this is another guess from a scattering of facts—is perhaps now about 550 million dollars, say £300 million.

How did we come to have this "hidden reserve," besides our store of gold, dollars and other convertible currencies?

The American securities in question once formed part of Britain's privately-held dollar investments. They were taken over by the Churchill Government in 1941 to back a dollar loan we urgently needed for carrying on the Hitler war.

For those were the days when Britain stood alone. The Americans had not yet joined us in a war-winning partnership.

It is seven years since the full list of the Government's holdings of these dollar stocks was last published.

Then they were shown to include large blocks of shares in some of the most famous enterprises in American industry.

The biggest holding was 2,000,000 shares in the Shell Oil Corporation, the U.S.A. offshoot of our own Shell plant.

Big gain

Whether all these shares are still in the Treasury's old oak chest we do not know.

But if they are, this investment alone has risen by more than £10 million in stock market value since the Wall Street recovery set in.

At the prices now ruling, it is worth all of £60 million.

Another large holding at the last count was 2,000,000 shares in the General Motors colossus, which spreads from Cadillac, Buicks and Chevrolats in Detroit to Vauxhall cars at Luton, Bedfordshire.

Here, too, there has been a gain for the Government of more than £15 million to £47 million from the low points reached in the New York stock market last year.

A British Government stake in American wool, which controls the Woolworth chain in the U.K., has advanced by £2,000,000.

It is now labelled at some £10,000,000 by the latest quotations on the U.S.A. market.

And there are—or were—another 55 American stocks in

which the Government has an interest, too.

They include such top names as Standard Oil of New Jersey, Sears Roebuck, the world's biggest mail-order business, and the famous American Tel. & Tel.

Together they make up a galaxy of stars that in the days when the £ was so sickly would have gladdened the heart of any investor here.

Over the past seven years, there have certainly been changes in this list of American holdings.

So far as we know, blocks of shares have been sold by the Government on four occasions.

But if this represents the sum total of the sales, it will have made only a minor dent on this store of U.S.A. investments.

Defence

What will happen to the rest of these holdings as Wall Street advances as it had not a care in the world?

I imagine the Government will hang on, collecting its dividends and looking upon its big blocks of American shares as a line of defence should one ever be needed again.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

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